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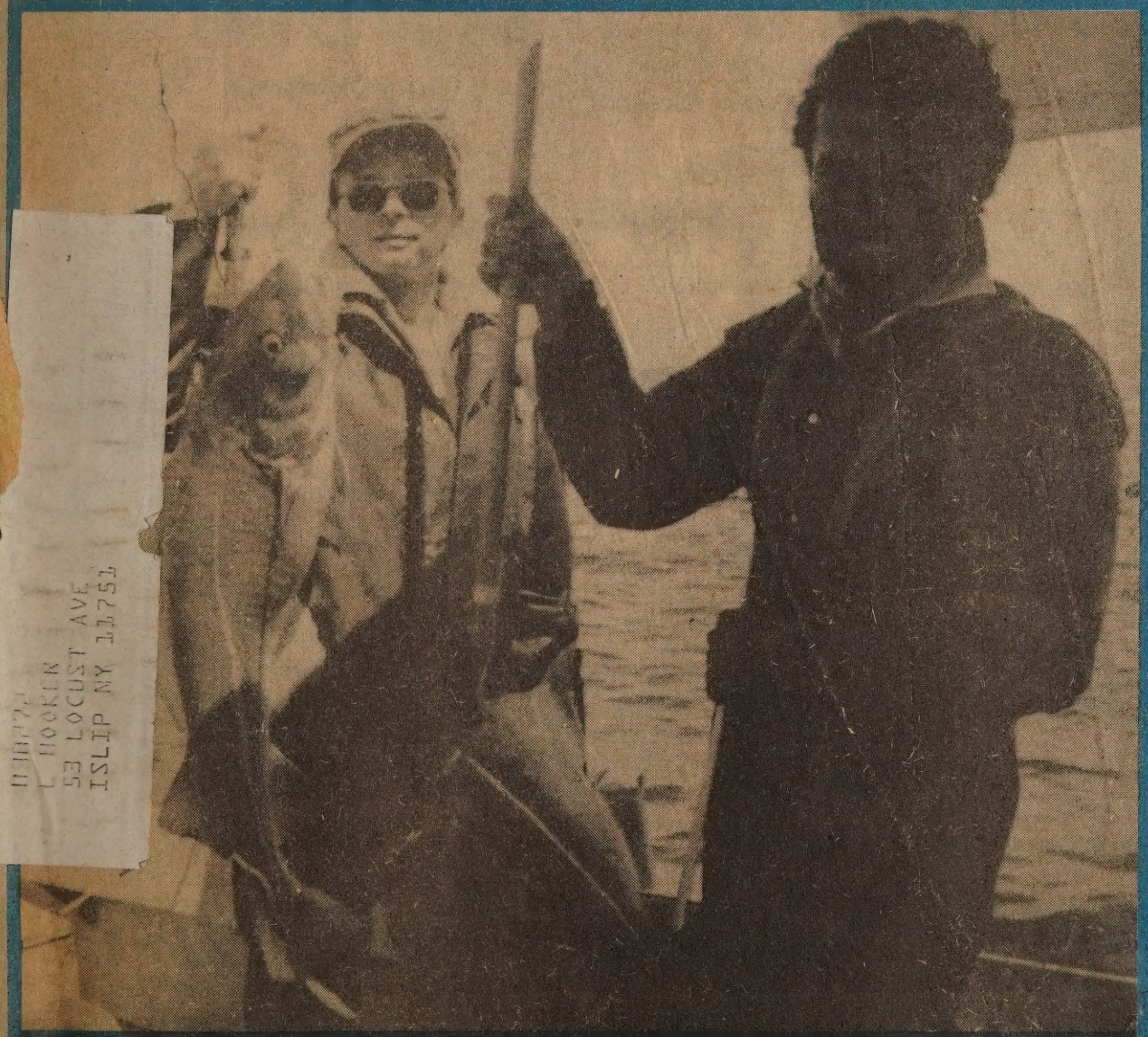

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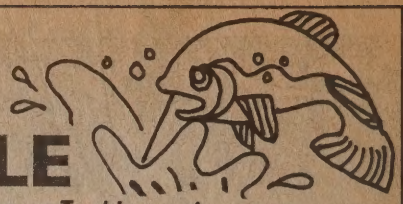

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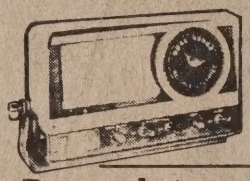

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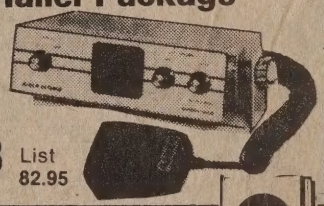

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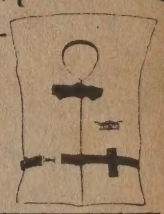

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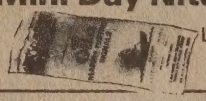

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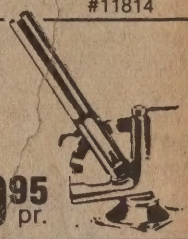

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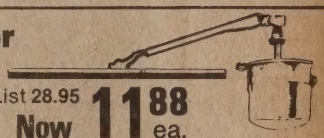

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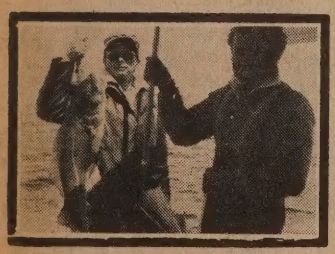

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Captain John DeMaio, right, of the charterboat Vivienne and LIF Ad Manager Stu Miller gaff a double header of 20 lb. cod and pollack. The cod and pollack blitz is still going strong at Montauk. See fishing reports for further details.

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Does a flounder care that fishermen do not rank its fighting abilities side by side with striped bass? Does a porgy stay awake at night trying to think up ways to elevate its status to a level of "game fish?" Does a sea robin, swimming with tiderunner weakfish in the spring, look towards those weaks with awe and respect?

The answer to all these questions is, of course, no! Fish are completely oblivious to status and, for that matter, to fishermen. Why, then, is there so much discussion about game fish and non-game fish status? The answer is simple—fishermen care about it!

I'm often looked upon with suspicion by some die-hard surf fishing friends because I "lower myself" to hop into my little runabout and try to catch flounders, seabass, porgies, and snappers. Sure, I like to fish the surf, and I spend most of my hours fishing waist-deep in the suds; but when I became a fisherman, I never agreed to any exclusivity to the surf.

The fact is that I, and thousands of fisherpeople like myself, just plain like to fish. Fishing is a desirable pursuit because it is fun and relaxing. When we do catch something, we also receive the bonus of some of this world's best eating. Fishing isn't a profession—it's an avocation!

I can't think of anything better than being on or in the water waiting for a fish to try and fool me. The water, the fresh air, the exercise, the escape, are needed for our sanity.

Who cares then whether this fish is a game fish, and this fish isn't—we're having fun, aren't we? The fish don't care and neither should we! The flounder, the sea robin, the striped bass, the bluefish, the marlins, the tunas, and even the ugly toadfish, are equally magnificent creations of God! Each has its job to do; each fulfills its ecological role, and each delights some contingent of the angling tribe somewhere and at some time.

We are fortunate that we have such a variety of saltwater fishes to pursue. We can find challenges in the Gulf Stream, or in the head waters of a shallow bay, and although the fisherman who holds a world's record for tarpon or black marlin may receive great status for his or her accomplishment, the flounder buff who comes home with a five pound blackback, is equally admired by his peers.

Although it is an accomplishment to display an outstanding catch, and it is likely that a great deal of time and skill were required to make that catch, let's not lose sight of the fact that who catches the biggest fish is more a matter of luck when equal skills and time input are involved.

Moral of this story. We have suffered through a few dismal fishing seasons, and the worst winter in fifty years. Let's get out there this year and show 'em that those poor years were a fluke—no pun intended—and let's have FUN!

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Toni Conigliaro - 1 lb. 3 oz.

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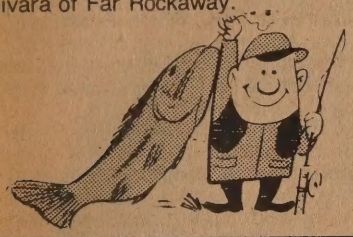
Rose Reutter - 1 lb. 8 oz.
Bea Conigliaro - 1 lb. 1 oz.
Elvira Fedoroff - 1 lb. 0 oz.

EMPIRE STRIPER FLOUNDER EXPEDITION

The annual spring cod and flounder expedition sponsored by the Empire Striper Association, was held May 1st, with a total of 98 avid participants filling 33 boats. Eleven enthusiastic anglers from the High Hill Striper Club, led by Frank Arendt, joined the outing to Gamble's Landing in Quincy, Mass. The co-chairmen of this event were Dick Mele of Arverne, and Joe McNamara of Richmond Hill. Weather and fish cooperated, with camaraderie and good

catches of cod up to six pounds and flounder resulting. Awards for the largest fish and the largest flounder (3 lbs. 4 oz.) were taken by High Hill members. The Empire members are very enthused concerning the new tagging program, with its two-point-a-pound release incentive which has been initiated by the new president, Mr. John Rivara of Far Rockaway.



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SAFETY COURSE IN FREEPORT

On May 24, 1977 at the Long Creek Marina (foot of South Grove Street), Freeport, Long Island, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-6 offers a six (6(lesson course. The course will appeal to the novice and the more experienced alike. Subjects covered will be: The Safe Way to Boating Pleasure; Boat Handling; Legal Requirements; Rules of the Road; Aids to Navigation, and Marlinespike (Knots).

Each lesson will be for two (2) hours. Ample time will be allowed for questions. On the completion of the course and successful taking of an examination, a **Certificate of Completion** will be awarded. Registration will be on the 24th of May at 7:30 p.m.

BOAT SAFETY COURSE FOR YOUNG BOATERS

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-6 is conducting a New York State Young Boatman Safety Course at the Franklin Square Library. This course includes a series of three lectures and a review and test given on the final date.

New York State law requires this safety certificate for solo operation of motor boats for boys and girls, age 10-16 years old.

The course will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, May 17th, and continuing May 24th, May 31st, and June 7th. Time is 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. It will be open to boys and girls from ages 10-16. Those who successfully complete the course, will receive a safety certificate to operate a boat.

Registration will be held at the Franklin Square Library, 19 Lincoln Road, Franklin Square, N.Y.

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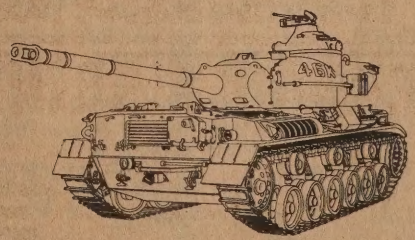

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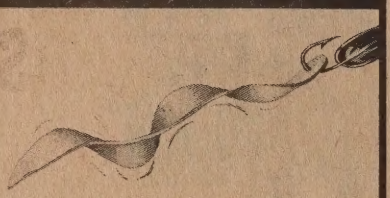

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Carl E. Parker, Chief of the Bureau of Fisheries, announced today the opening to recreational angling of Hempstead Lake in Nassau County. The lake is a 166-acre, man-made reservoir that once was used to supply drinking water to Brooklyn and has not been open to fishing for more than 50 years.

Located in Hempstead Lake State Park, in southwestern Nassau County, the lake is subject to special regulations in anticipation of heavy fishing pressure. Surveys taken by Department of Environmental Conservation fishery biologists have shown excellent growth rates for the two popular game fish present; largemouth bass and chain pickerel. Additionally, the fish there have been tested by the Department and found to be almost free of pesticide contamination and are fine for eating.

Fishing is permitted from May 1st through November 30th, but only during daylight hours. Boating and wading are both prohibited, as is swimming. Use of bait fish, whether dead or alive, is also banned.

Bass must be a minimum of 15 inches in length, and pickerel 18 inches in length to be kept. Both species also have a three-per-day limit. There are no restrictions as to size or limits on yellow perch, sunfish or bullheads.

Other regulations regarding fishing seasons and license requirements are the same for Hempstead Lake as for other waters of the State. A New York City watershed permit is not required to fish Hempstead Lake, but anglers are required to obey rules and regulations of the Long Island State Park Commission.

SANDY HOOK '77 FISHING REGULATIONS

The fishing regulations for the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area are the same this year as in 1976. The only changes to be noticed are the damages done by Mother Nature this winter.

Those fishermen using the beaches and Plum Island area south of the #1 Bathing Area, do not need a pass for their vehicles to park in the lots. Access to the former Fort Hancock area will be by a Fisherman's Pass only. There is no fishing on the bay side. Stop at the guardhouse for the pass which is registered to a person and a vehicle and applies to all occupants within the vehicle. **This pass is not transferable to another unregistered vehicle.** All occupants of the vehicle must have fishing gear and be entering this area strictly for fishing. No swimming is allowed on the fishing beaches and there is no camping or sleeping in vehicles or elsewhere.

This could get rough for some of us die-hard fishermen, since fishing is permitted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can leave this controlled area and sack out at the south end of the Hook.

While in the controlled north area, keep to the roads marked with the green arrows and park only in the specified lots (South Beach and North Beach parking areas). **No** vehicles are allowed on the beaches or off the surfaced roads, except those leading to the designated parking areas.

During the bathing season, fishermen will not be allowed on the guarded bathing beaches during periods of heavy visitor usage, for safety reasons.

As usual, we are requested to pick up all our refuse and discard it in the trash receptacles. Keep off the dunes and don't destroy, disturb, remove any plant, animals or other natural feature, and don't deface the buildings. Any pets you have with you must be on a leash.

Any violations of the rules could result in a fine and/or revocation of your fishing pass.

The people at Sandy Hook think that the fishermen are not a threat to the Park and the beaches since we respect the natural environment. Let's keep them thinking that way by being good fishermen. We must be careful though; some factions are trying to close Sandy Hook to all.

D.E.C. TO SEND OUT QUESTIONNAIRE

What are the views of a cross section of freshwater fishermen in New York State? Is too much emphasis placed on cold water fish to the detriment of warm water fish? Why don't sportsmen do more fishing? How much money does the average angler spend each year on his sport? How much does sport fishing contribute to the economy of New York State? What do sportsmen think of environmental pollution problems?

To learn the answers to these and a number of other important questions, the Department of Environmental Conservation is gearing up for a major survey mailing to three percent of the approximately 800,000 licensed anglers in the State, and a smaller size sample of non-resident anglers. Fishermen receiving the survey questionnaire are asked to fully complete it and return the form, regardless of whether they fished a great deal or not at all last year.

Carl E. Parker, Chief of the Bureau of Fisheries, explained, "This in-depth examination of the attitudes and experiences of typical fishermen in New York will help us make decisions that will affect their angling in future years. This is the first statewide survey of fishermen conducted by the Department," he said.

"The 32-question survey is designed to get anglers to tell us what they like and what they do not like about fishing in New York State. Respondents are guaranteed anonymity, so we hope they will 'let their hair down and tell it like it is.' Results of the survey will have a key role in development of a New York

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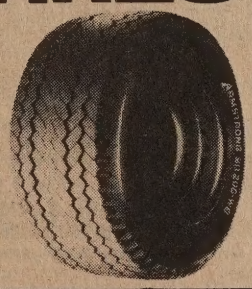

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"Questions are grouped in three sections to cover: fishing activities, expenditures and preferences; attitudes and opinions; and participant background. We have carefully designed the questionnaire to make it as simple and straightforward as possible to complete, yet detailed enough to provide meaningful specific information," Parker said.

Most questions may be answered simply by checking a box. An important part of the survey involves questions on locations and species of fish that an angler tried to catch during the study period. Further questions ask respondents to fill in the approximate amount of money they spent for various angling-related activities, such as travel, lodging, food and other specific categories.

Results of the survey will be published by the Department, as well as being used in future management plans. Details of the survey findings will also be of considerable interest and use to commercial enterprises catering to fishermen. These would include resort areas, boating sales and rental operations, tackle manufacturers and retailers, hotel, motel and camping operators and others. Local and regional planning groups and reviewers of environmental impact statements will also find this information of great value.

According to Supervising Aquatic Biologist J. Douglas Sheppard, who is directing the survey, questionnaires will be in the mail by the first week of June. Preliminary results are expected to be available by November with complete results published early next year.

FISHERMAN IN B.S. OF A. EXPO 77

On Saturday, May 7, 1977, the Great South Beach Mobile Sportfishermen (GSBMS) participated as an exhibitor at the Sunrise District, Boy Scouts of America Expo 77.

This event was held at the Saxton Avenue School in Patchogue, with the theme being conservation; both by the Boy Scouts and by invited exhibitors which included GSBMS, LIBBA, Suffolk County Parks Department, and Fire Island National Seashore.

GSBMS, while mainly a fishing organization, is also actively involved in conservation, camping, hunting, etc. Some of its better known conservation activities include placing unsold Christmas trees in the dunes to help nature rebuild them, planting black pines behind the dune line to help the beach grass trap the sand and hold it in place, and planting of beach grass itself.

Membership is open, and anyone wanting further information should cal 289-5950; 289-1524, or 281-4549, or write to P.O. Box 66, Patchogue, N.Y. 11772.

CONSERVATION COMMENTS *by Al Ristori*

The recent seizures of two Soviet ships for violations of the 200 Mile Limit law reflect a new "hard-line" attitude on the part of the Administration. When the Coast Guard first asked permission to seize three Soviet vessels, the State Department (with Administration approval) prevented them from doing so. Once again, it was the old problem of "detente" interfering with the normal role of the Federal government in protecting the rights of its citizens—the very same attitude that delayed enactment of 200 Mile legislation to begin with.

Needless to say, we were disappointed with the President's initial actions, as he had expressed support for the 200 Mile fisheries jurisdiction during his campaign. The members of Congress most involved in passage of the legislation were more than disappointed—they were outraged that what is now domestic law wasn't being properly enforced. Fortunately, as the violations continued, the Administration responded to the pressure, and authorized the seizures. As we've long predicted, the sky didn't fall down. Everything was done in business-like fashion, and there was no indication that the Soviets were even disturbed about the incident.

During the five-year fight for a 200 Mile jurisdiction, I was frequently asked if our unilateral declaration of such a limit wouldn't bring about a conflict with the Soviet Union. Even years ago, it seemed obvious to me that the Russians weren't about to send a great fleet of expensive trawlers and support ships thousands of miles, in order to be seized. Furthermore, there was little likelihood of their creating an international incident over it, since they had similar problems with Japanese fishermen off their Pacific Coast—and had observed the 200 Mile limits of much smaller countries, such as Argentina. I've always felt that the Russians would regard the 200 Mile Limit as a new business arrangement, just as American firms operating in other countries simply have to live with the rules of the game—or get out!

Nothing has happened since the law was passed to change that opinion. The Soviets were among the first to line up for a GIFA (Governing International Fisheries Agreement), which every nation must sign in order to obtain permits to fish in our zone. Naturally, they will push the conditions of the permits as hard as they can, but most businessmen would do the same thing under the circumstances. Even if the Soviet Fisheries Ministry were serious about observing the letter of the law, fishermen being fishermen no matter where they come from, the captains will surely look for any edge that will allow them to fill their quota faster. How hard they'll push is directly related to how serious we are about enforcing the law.

That the Soviets would take every advantage was amply demonstrated during the first two months of this year before the March 1st implementation date. In a rare burst of good judgement, the State Department reversed its position and decided to complete withdrawal of the U. S. from ICNAF on December 31, 1976. That meant, for the first two months, the foreign fleets would be fishing without U.S. constraints—but still under the ICNAF regulations they'd agreed to themselves. As might be expected, there were massive violations of the window areas; and the Soviets apparently exceeded their entire year's mackerel quota.

The Emergency Committee To Save America's Marine Resources shot off a telegram to Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps, noting the pattern of violations that the Soviets had agreed to; requesting that permits be denied to the offending vessels, and calling for strict enforcement on March 1st. It was our feeling that if we clamped down right away, we'd have little trouble enforcing the law thereafter. It took awhile for the Administration to come around to this point of view, but now that they've done so, I believe the incidence of violations will slow.

Freed from the constraints of ICNAF "hand slapping" procedures that made a bad joke of relatively ineffective conservation regulations, the Coast Guard has done an outstanding job of enforcing the 200 Mile law during the past two months. They and the NMFS personnel sailing with them have been properly zealous in their dealing with the foreign vessels operating with our permits. In March, 72 citations were issued to 39 vessels from Japan, Spain, and the USSR. In addition, 19 more serious violations were ticketed—two by American vessels. In the first week of April, the figures were 22 citations and 20 violations—including the two seized ships. In talking with Admiral Rea and Captain Dan Muir at the April meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council in Baltimore, I was able to determine that the citations, and most of the violations, have been of a technical nature. Furthermore, the attitude of the foreign vessels to the searches, and even the seizures, has been excellent. While river herring have been taken in excess of the very strict "incidental catch" quota and some prohibited species (such as cod and pollack) have also been found, it appears that these violations are primarily the result of misunderstanding of the law. The fact that the most serious violation was picked right out of the ship's log, is a good indication of this. Furthermore, the reaction of the Soviet government was not bombast, but a statement affirming that their vessels have been instructed to comply with the law and their permits.

Though many American fishermen remain skeptical, I believe the 200 Mile Limit is working and will work even better now that the Administration has set the proper precedent. We still aren't happy with all the quotas and window areas, but a comparison of foreign fishing effort last year and this, should illustrate the improvement graphically. On April 12th last year, 130 foreign vessels were fishing off our Northeast Coast. On April 6th this year, there were just 29—eight Canadians and 21 Soviet (including the two dockside in Boston Harbor)! If the Coast Guard, State Department, and Administration, continue on their present course, brighter days are on the horizon for American fishermen.

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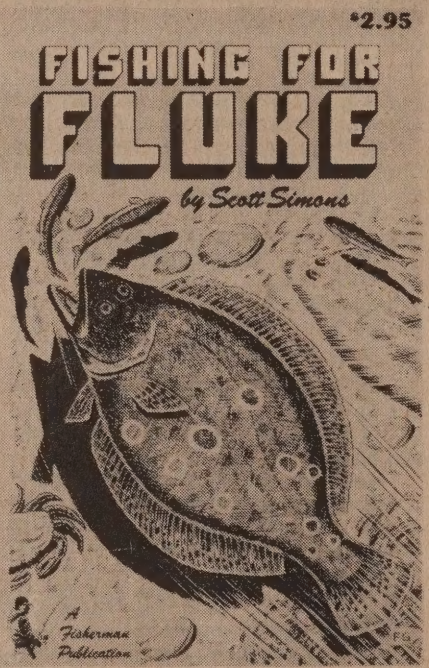

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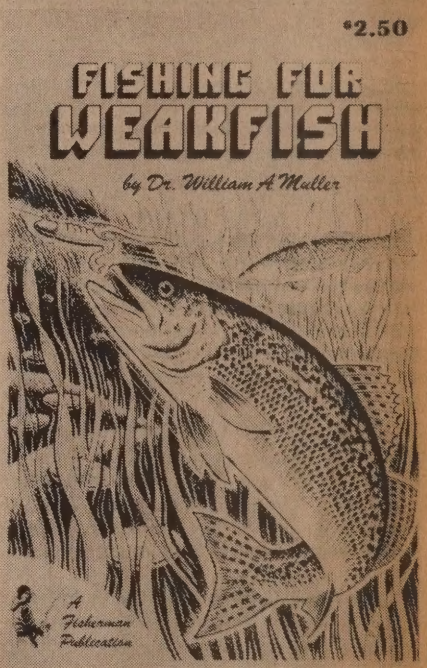

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JIMMY ADDIEGO, OZONE PARK.
My teacher told me on Saturday, March 5, 1977, he was on the North Channel Bridge fishing for flounders. He was getting one to two lb. flounders; a man five to six feet away got a five lb. flounder. My teacher asked him what kind of bait he was using, and he told my teacher he was using dough from bread. Could this be true, or is this man pulling my teacher's and my leg?

Catching flounders on dough balls is very probable, as they catch them on corn and many other strange baits. Dough balls are not my choice as a top flounder bait, but it's still usable. The story about a five pound flounder may be stretching your leg a little!!

Joseph Cucchiara, Bklyn, N.Y.
I once remember my grandmother telling me that if you would fill a clay vase with sea water, after a few hours, or few days, you would have fresh drinking water. Is there any truth to this, or was my grandmother telling me a fairy tale. Thank you for your answer.

I would like to know more about a fish finder rig. I know what it is, but would like to know how to use it effectively, and how to properly rig it up, and how much line to let out, and what would be the right bait to use for stripers and blues. I fish off the shore from 69th St., to the Verrazano Bridge. Thank you for all your help.

After checking around to verify my own feelings on the clay vase theory, I feel that you and your Grandmother can thank the fairy for that story. The only way that I know of to extract fresh water from salt water without the use of chemicals is to freeze it, and the ice will come out as fresh water. In answer to your second question: the proper way to rig a fish finder is to insert a sliding sinker onto your line with a hole small enough to be stopped by a swivel attached to the end of your line. They make special sliders out of nylon that can attach to your sinker, utilizing a very small hole in the top part of the slider enabling you to use a smaller swivel. Now attach a three-foot leader and hook to the end of your swivel. After you complete your cast, either hold the rod or put it in a holder leaving the reel in free spool, or back off the drag. A fish can now pick up the bait and move away without feeling the weight of the sinker. After allowing sufficient time for the fish to swallow the bait, set the hook. Leaving the clicker on if the rod is left unattended is a must. Using a fish finder will cut down on your casting distance due to the sinker sliding back on the line. Clams, bunker, or mackerel chunks, along with big sandworms, do nicely as bait.

Michael Rudowski, Bethpage, N.Y.
How important is it to have a lure down the center of an umbrella rig, I mean a dropped back lure? I notice that most people do better than I do using umbrella rigs especially with school bass.

I find that the use of a center lure dropped back behind an umbrella rig will at least double your catch, especially with bass. When the fish are thick, it's not that important, but on those tough days, it really pays off. There are some very good commercially made rigs on the market this year that include a center drop back lure as part of their package.

John F. Fleming, Jr. Jackson Heights, N.Y.
In response to the question of Gil Lilienthal, how to get straight lengths of mono for leaders—here's my solution.

Steal your wife's largest pot, the one that's used to boil whole hams and is about 12 inches in diameter. Tie one end of the mono to one of the handles, then proceed to wrap the mono tightly around the outside of the pot (each wrap around the pot will equal about one yard). When you have wrapped enough mono around the pot to meet your needs, tie the loose end to one of the handles so that the line will remain under tension.

With the line so wrapped, put the pot and line into the sink and let it stand in hot tap water from three to five minutes. The secret is the heat of the tap water: it should be hot to the touch, yet not so hot that you would scald yourself. The problem being that if the water is too hot, you could destroy the strength of the mono; yet if it is too cool, you will not remove the original set.

This system works for me; i hope that it will work for you.

Peter J. Davis, Bklyn., N.Y.
Regarding the straightening out of monofilament, although my method is not immediate, I have had great success in cutting the lengths that I wish and then storing them in cardboard tubes such as are available by asking any carpet dealer, or dry goods dealer—they generally throw them out. In fact, any long tube that is available will suit.

After inserting the mono in the tubes, I lay the tubes horizontally. In a day or two, the coils straighten out.

I've even used electrical aluminum conduit (7/8" and 1") and was able to store over 100, 40 pound test mono in them.

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The life style and feeding habits of blackfish were discussed in last week's column. This has a direct bearing on what follows. Therefore, if you missed it, and are truly interested in catching blackfish, I recommend you request a copy from the LIF office. Information for doing so is on Page Three of this issue.

I've made this statement before, and at the risk of becoming boring, I'll repeat it: the sinker bouncer who can consistently catch blackfish, is a fisherman par excellence. He's the elite of the bottom fishing clan, and I respectfully doff my fishing cap to him. All other bottom feeders become easy marks for this superb fisherman.

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

BLACKFISH

Part Two

Not only are these fishermen expert anglers, they become quite proficient in the art. This was proven to me one day while doing a little party boat codfishing on the old Ambrose Lightship Ridge.

The cod weren't too plentiful that day, but the ling were. As anyone who has caught ling knows, they aren't difficult to hook. But one close-by fisherman was having the devil's own time hooking a fish that seemed smarter than the rest. The instant his bait touched bottom, it would be cleaned from the hook in a twinkling, which caused this exasperated angler to exclaim at one point that he had at last found a ling indeed difficult to hook.

His buddy was within earshot of the remark, and immediately came over and watched. Down went the frustrated fisherman's rig. Two strong bites followed. There was a quick attempt to set the hook, but as before, the results were nil. No hook-up. Nothing. Again the irritated fisherman reeled in baitless hooks.

"That's no ling," said his buddy. "That's a black. Move over. I'll get him for you. It's a good one, too."

With that, the confident fisherman replaced the bottom hook of his rig with a number four Virginia, added a narrow slice of skimmer, and sent it to the bottom. This time, though, the bait wasn't stolen. No, indeed. That fisherman ignored the first couple of taps, but when the expected strong, solid tug bent the rod tip, the hook was driven home. Up came one of the largest blacks I'd seen to that time. It dock-weighed at eleven pounds.

Here was a classic example of a master fisherman in action; a fisherman who knew exactly what he was doing every step of the way. There was no luck involved whatsoever: just acquired knowledge used to the advantage of the fisherman.

None of what has been written is meant to be discouraging. It is there to impress upon the novice fisherman that these rough and tumble fish are in a class by themselves, and that it takes a skillful angler with the proper amount of finesse to become successful. The requirements to do this aren't difficult to learn; but they aren't mastered overnight, I assure you.

Because blackfish are rugged and powerful, strong tackle is necessary. Codfishing gear isn't required, but your rod must have plenty of backbone to set the hook in fairly deep water. If you fish the bays and other shallow areas where light sinkers will get by, medium-weight spinning tackle is okay; but for the deeper, offshore grounds where heavier sinkers are necessary, a medium-weight conventional boat rod is best.

Your matching conventional reel should hold at least 100 yards of 20 or 30 pound test monofilament of good quality.I prefer 20; I'll tell you why later.

The correct way to rig separates the expert angler from the novice. Always! Whether one fishes for flounder, cod, porgies, fluke, blacks, or what have you, there is a right way to do it.

This certainly seems like common sense, but it is amazing how many anglers will rig their lines without giving thought to the feeding habits of the fish they seek. For instance, I've seen flounder fishermen rigged with their lowest hook two feet off bottom—and quite annoyed because their efforts were in vain.

Rigging for blackfish isn't difficult. There are several ways to accomplish this, each according to the type bottom being fished. As blackfish are found around sunken wrecks, rock-studded bottom, old, decaying piers, wharfs, jetties, groins, and breakwaters, the fisherman has a choice in rigging, each depending upon how cluttered a particular spot might be.

For instance, when fishing blacks in areas similar to—let's say—either the 17 Fathom or Cholera Bank, areas where the bottom often consists of open patches between rocky formations, fishermen can use a two hook, tandem-tied rig, with less danger of becoming hung-up, as one would when wreck fishing. This is always a good rig to use whenever possible. If one bait is stolen, there's another available which might do the trick. It saves much re-baiting between fish, too.

To tandem-tie, select two hooks and fold the snell of one at its middle, then pass this through the knotted loop of the second hook. This second hook is then passed throught the first fold, pulled tightly and secured with a common overhand knot. Takes but seconds. Make a loop with a double-overhand knot in the main line about two inches above the sinker. Place your tandem rig in the loop, and you're all set. Incidentally, use this same knot for making the end loop for your sinker. I'll tell you why, later.

Don't use this tandem-rig when wreck fishing, however. When a black is hooked, the first thing it does is pour on the steam and head for the worst part of the obstruction. That second hook is sure to become snagged.

Instead, use the popular high-low rig. Tie one hook in about two inches above the sinker, and the second high enough to clear the first without fouling. Most blacks will take the bottom hook, but occasionally one will find the other more appealing. If this happens, you will notice that these fish are nearly always good sized.

For really "sticky" areas, use a bottom hook only, and place it about six inches above the sinker. True, this will give less extension on the bottom, but will allow better control over the rig. Better control means less snagging.

I mentioned earlier my choice of 20 pound test mono over the use of heavier stuff, and promised to explain why. The reason isn't earth-shattering, but something I feel is only plain common sense—particularly if you fish the way I do.

As we know, blacks are found around submerged wreckage and other littered bottom. The peculiar thing about this, though, is that the worst these obstructions are, the better your chance of hooking large fish. This also means that fishermen doing so are going to get hung up much more frequently than the guy fishing a "safer" spot. This is one of the fishing facts facing the hunter of large blackfish.

When snagging happens, I find the chances of freeing the rig is about two in ten. Therefore, with the odds always against salvaging your rig, it makes sense to use 20 pound test mono and waste no time breaking off once the situation appears hopeless. The idea is to spend your time fishing, not fuming over snagged rigs. As pool winners aren't caught on fouled rigs, doing this will pay in the end.

Twenty-pound test is easily parted, but if you've ever attempted to break tightly fouled 30 or 40 pound test mono, you know how difficult and time consuming it can be. As the sinker is most apt to snag, some fishermen tie it to the line wih a piece of weak cord—which is okay, I suppose, if you care to spend the extra time needed to do it. I'd rather use the time fishing.

I mentioned using double-overhand knots when making loops in the main line. I rarely recommend this particular knot because of its cutting action when under strain. But in this instance, there was a method to my madness. This same cutting action can be made to work for the benefit of the fisherman. It enables him, in conjunction with the 20 pound test, to quickly break off the sinker or hook at the knot, without strain or pain, saving much time, and quite often, part of the rig.

Use no gadgets when making up your rigs. Hardware quickly snags on the least obstruction. Experienced blackfishermen will tell you that if you're not hung up occasionally, you're not fishing where the action is—which is true enough—but why go out of your way to do so?

Because the art of blackfishing is considered to be a specialized form of angling, some clever long-ago fisherman

designed a unique hook to make it easier for his fellow anglers. I don't know to what lengths this unknown gentleman went to, but I do know he came up with the perfect hook for old chisel-tooth.

This hook, called the Virginia, is extra strong, with a short-biting, offset hollow point and barb. It is the one hook to use whenever possible. They are available in well-stocked tackle shops, and you should have no trouble finding them. Use size four or five in the deeper offshore waters, and a number six or eight for inshore.

If need be, you can substitute regular-shanked Sproat, Eagle Claw, or Beak hooks in appropriate sizes. But my advice is to use these only in emergencies. Nothing puts blackfish in the bucket as easily as Virginia hooks.

Sinkers are no problem. The bank style is best to use: it's tear-shape enables it to slide past obstructions that would snag a diamond or other flat-sided sinker. Weights will vary, of course, depending upon where the fishing is done, strength of current, etc.

One thing of importance, though. The sinker must always be heavy enough to hold bottom without moving off. Blackfish are wily cusses—particularly the large ones. I have found them extremely suspicious of bait that moves unnaturally. This is especially true when skimmer is used. Learn to keep that bait still if you want your share of blacks.

Which brings us to that bane of all dedicated blackfishermen: the bergall. I don't know how to explain this animated nuisance, except to say that it is an industrious bait thief without peer.

To consistently catch blackfish, the beginner must learn to distinguish between the light, rapid-fire nips of the bergall and the much heavier tap of the blackfish; which isn't easy, I assure you. To overcome the bergall, "on-the-spot" experience and "feel," are necessary. No one can teach you this: except to say patience, and an even temperament, are prime requisites.

Bergalls do have their good points, though. They are good indicator that blackfish are on the grounds selected. Rarely do you find one without the other.

If you are receiving bergall bites and they suddenly cease, it can mean one of two things. Either your bait is gone, or a black is homing in on the easy pickings found by the bergall. Either way, you'll soon find out. Expert sinker bouncers have learned to live with the bergall. If you wish to see your catch of blackfish increase, it is necessary that you do so, too.

Veteran fishermen have always said that spring blackfish prefer a soft bait. From my own experience, they are right. This is not to say that crab bait will not work; only that preference leans to softer bait. I've caught many springtime blacks on crab, and a good amount using skimmer in the fall. But for all-around spring blackfishing, sliced skimmer will produce most action. Just be sure to cut into narrow, inch-and-a-half to two inch pieces. Leaving some of the soft stomach with the bait is important. Weave the hook through at least twice, and expose the barb about a quarter-inch from the end.

Because of the black's feeding method, hooking can be dificult. Recall the frustrated fisherman at the beginning of this article. Novice fishermen should always wait for that all-important heavy tug, signifying that the fish has taken the hook. This is the time to rear back at the fish—hard! You've got to get the fish started away from the obstruction before it realizes what has happened.

Failure to do this usually means a lost blackfish, plus the terminal tackle it has succeeded in snagging while making its getaway. Even if solidly hooked, the chances are good that the fouled rig will cost you the fish. Waiting out the snagged black in the hope that it will swim free, sometimes works—but don't count on it.

Many fishermen are unaware that blackfish can be chummed to the surface.

This method works well in spring, but I've never had much luck with it during fall. Several things are necessary for success. The day must be windless; not too much boat activity; the water must be shallow (no more than 15 feet for best results), and there must be very little current, otherwise the chum will be carried too far away to do much good.

Years ago, we used grass shrimp exclusively for chumming blacks, but a plentiful supply to do the job properly

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Questionnaire for ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA SPORTFISHERMEN

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Dear Sportsmen:

Time is running short, and we need your help in planning for the 1977 ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA NEW YORK SPORTS FISHING SURVEY of the NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE. We'd appreciate your cooperation in filling out the attached questionnaire as accurately as possible.

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Mail Questionnaire to:

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1. Were you aware of the Sports Fishery Survey for bluefin tuna held in the New York area during the summer of 1976?

2. Were you interviewed by a survey worker concerning any of your bluefin tuna catches anytime during the summer of 1976? .....

3. If your answer is yes to question 3, did the interview cause you any inconvenience? .....

4. Approximately how many fishing trips did you make specifically for bluefin tuna from a New York port during the summer of 1976? Which port? .....

5. During what part of the summer were most of these trips made? .....

6. What was the average number of hours actually spent fishing for bluefin tuna during each of these trips? .....

7. If you caught any bluefin tuna, give the total number caught during the summer and approximate weights of those landed. .....

8. Are you willing to participate in the Summer 1977 bluefin tuna survey? .....

9. If your answer to question 8 is yes, will you be willing to:
Allow samplers to weigh and measure your fish? .....
Telephone your catch to sampler if he's not available to you, including lengths and weights? .....
Provide some biological samples of catch? .....

10. Do you have any suggestions or comments to help us devise the best data form for cooperative reporting of the bluefin tuna catch/effort information for the 1977 Summer Survey? .....

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Surf Side

with Fred Schwab

CASTING FOR WEAKFISH Part Two

As stated in Part I, "…. fish are where you find them." In the case of weakfish, that's likely to be most anywhere within a large body of water such as Long Island's Great South Bay. However, dependent upon the time of year, there are locations which traditionally produce the most fish. Since this article is directed towards those anglers who "hoof it" to reach the fishing grounds, let's explore two locations accessible to the "walker," and describe general features and conditions which are likely to attract weaks to a specific area.

First of all, it's important to note that for a variety of reasons, some spots which produce during the early days of the run yield few, and in some cases, absolutely no weaks later on, and, of course, the reverse is also true. One area that usually produces some early-season action is the State Channel, from the marsh banks in back, or directly north of, Babylon Town's Overlook Parking Field. To reach this area, park at Overlook and walk back along the entrance road and across the highway. Look for one of several paths which wind their way through the brush and cattails. Once out on the marsh, take each step with caution: a network of mosquito drainage ditches, small tidal pools, a patch or two of "quick-mud," and nail infested driftwood, make for hazardous going. Also, give marsh birds and ducks a wide berth—there may be a nest in the area. When you've gone as far north as possible, you have reached the State Channel and can start fishing.

Casting is done from the edge of the marsh, so chest-high waders are not essential; however, a pair of hip or knee boots are a must. All of the lures mentioned in Part I—bucktails, plastic shrimp, the Whiptail, small jigs, the Mirror Lure, and Cisco Kid—are potential fish catchers.

The water in this area is fairly deep, and more often than not, the fish will be on or near the bottom. On a dropping tide, the lure should be cast up-current and allowed to sink before beginning the retrieve. As described in Part I, vary both the speed and method of retrieve, with emphasis placed on slow and gentle movements. The bottom shallows out quite abruptly within several yards of where you'll be standing, and it is littered with roots and other debris. To avoid these snags, it's advisable to speed-up the final few turns of the reel handle.

Fishing at this location "can" begin as early as the first of May; peaks during the second week, and then seems to tail-off about mid-month. As to whether or not it resumes later on, I do not know. By the way, after leaving this spot, check your clothing and body for ticks—the underbrush that you must pass through is loaded with these darned critters.

The waters of the State Channel, flowing beneath the Captree Drawbridge, annually produce some of the earliest weakfish action. I must confess to being somewhat ignorant of the very best lures, methods, and tides applicable to fishing at this location, for I rarely fish there. However, it is a popular spot and does produce some fine catches. Judging by the crowds present during May, the north side of the Channel is preferred, with the area beneath the bridge and to the west, receiving the most attention. In general, the best fishing occurs on the dropping tide, and lures which can be fished on or near the bottom are favored, at least during the early stages of the run. The water is deep, and the current swift. To reach this spot, park your vehicle at the westerly end of the Captree Boat Basin and walk to, and over the Drawbridge. Other locations which are liable to produce weaks at an early date include the mouths of some creeks, canals, and a few of the larger marshland drains situated along the shores of this and other bays.

To those readers who do their fishing from the shores of Peconic Bay, and other areas frequented by weakfish, much of what is said in this article is applicable. However, as noted in Part I, at some locations, a notable exception would be the date upon which the fish arrive.

With the middle of May, and warming waters, there is a noticeable increase in the quantity and variety of the food supply. In those shallow areas accessible to the shore-bound angler, weakfish are becoming more active and aggressive at night, and by the first of June, will be feeding almost exclusively under the cloak of darkness. It is during this period that weaks begin to respond with regularity to small surface swimmers. The angler who locates a productive spot and adjusts his efforts to coincide with the most rewarding stage of the tide, can often enjoy several consecutive nights of good fishing.

Unlike the early weeks of the run, schools of weakfish now prowl throughout much of the Bay, and are apt to take up temporary residence in any area which satisfies their needs. Marshy areas and coves, are likely to hold bait and should be explored by the angler. Shallow areas, such as sand bars and mud flats, which gradually deepen on end with a sudden dropoff, deserve special attention; and if a small rip or sweeping current is present, don't cross it off your list of places to try after one fruitless effort. Try it again at varying stages of the tide, and under differing moon phases and wind conditions.

The chance of seeing feeding fish at night is pretty remote; however, in the quiet waters of a bay, it is often possible to hear them. This is especially true on a windless night when weakfish are feeding on or near the surface. On occasion, if you are attentive, breaks and slaps or a sort of "slurping" sound will betray the exact location of fish; it may also signal a change in the lures being used, or manner of retrieve. With respect to those "quiet" waters, in order to avoid spooking the fish when wading, move about slowly and silently, thereby limiting noise and vibration, and never shine a light directly on the water. If you must use one, face the shoreline, and shield it to limit reflections.

When you do find a spot that produces, make a mental note of the tide stage, wind velocity, and direction; bait which is present; weed conditions; water clarity, and any other factors which you feel may be significant on each trip. If you are observant, certain patterns and relationships will become apparent. For instance, weed conditions and water clarity in most areas, are governed by wind, and at all locations, there is a specific stage of the tide during which the bait is most abundant, more active, or most vulnerable to predators. Knowing these relationships can improve your rate of success, by either not fishing at all, or trying elsewhere when you know that conditions will be poor at a particular spot.

The final installment will discuss the presentation of lures, drag settings, and cover a few odds-and-ends.

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spring blackfish

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is hard to come by today. An excellent substitute is clams, any kind, that have been run through a grinder. They must be minced very fine. Should the pieces be too heavy, they will quickly sink, failing their purpose by keeping the blacks on bottom.

For this off-beat blackfishing, you should use a light spinning outfit and a number eight Virginia hook. Sinkers are not used, but a split-shot, fastened to the snell near the hook eye is helpful. Bait with larger pieces of chum and lower the rig slowly to the level of the feeding fish. When properly done, you will see the blacks coming up to feed. Make no sudden motions if the fish are near the surface. They will refuse to bite, if you do.

Be prepared for a merry few minutes by having firm grip on your rod. When you sink the hook, the black will give you a lively time—one you never thought possible. You will instantly know why many sinker bouncers consider the black a game fish.

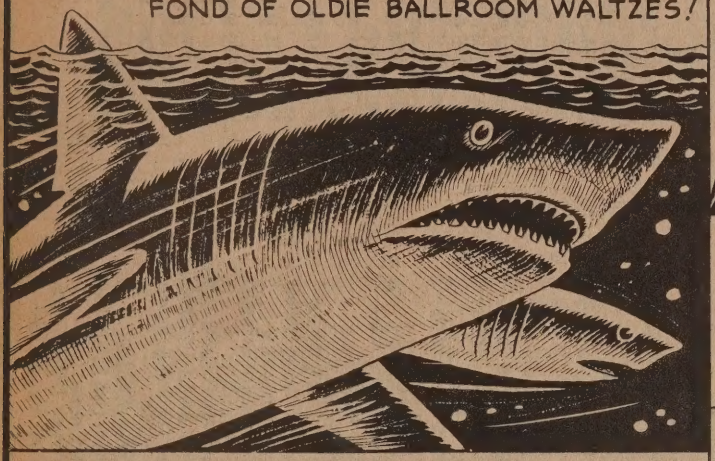
I've never caught a black over three pounds with this method, but my buddy, Nick Hauck, nailed a seven pounder near the spilings of the Long Island Rail Road trestle in Island Park. Caught on a freshwater fly rod, it took twenty minutes to land. Try it some time for extra thrills!

That's all I can tell you about blackfish for now. The rest is up to you. Now, go out and get some!

FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

MUSICAL SHARK REPELLENT! SHARKS IN AN AUSTRALIAN HOLDING PEN WERE PANICKED WHEN *BEATLE* MUSIC WAS PIPED IN ON AN UNDERWATER RECORDER. THE SCIENTISTS THEN DISCOVERED THAT THE MANEATERS WERE FOND OF OLDIE BALLROOM WALTZES!



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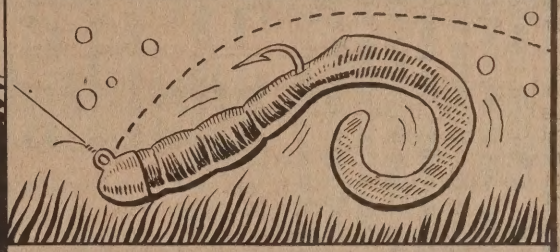

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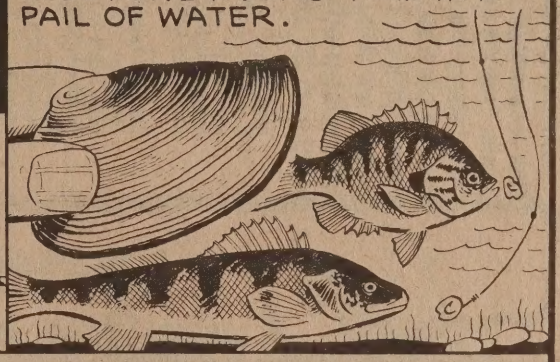
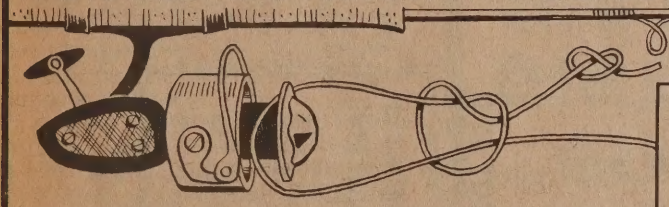


TO FILL AN EMPTY SPINNING REEL WITH NEW LINE, WRAP IT ONCE AROUND THE SPOOL AND TIE AN OVERHAND KNOT. THEN TIE ANOTHER KNOT IN THE END. PULL BOTH KNOTS TIGHT AND FLUSH WITH THE SPOOL.



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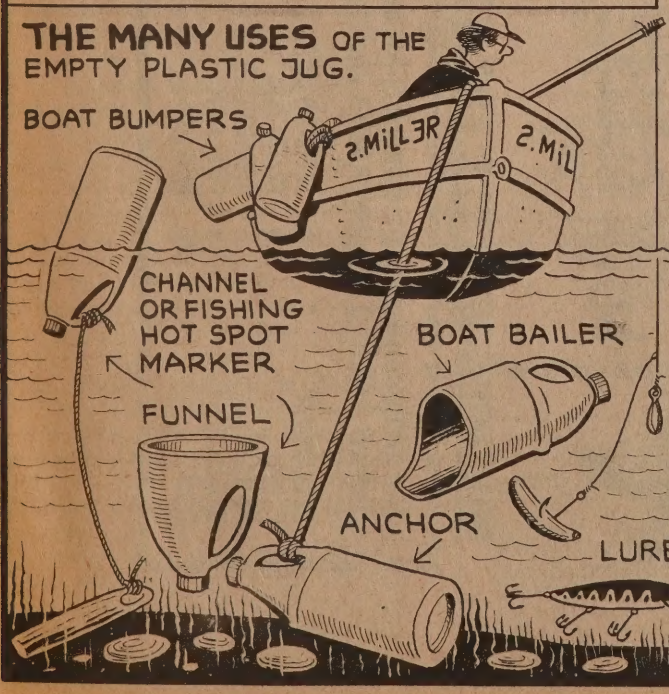

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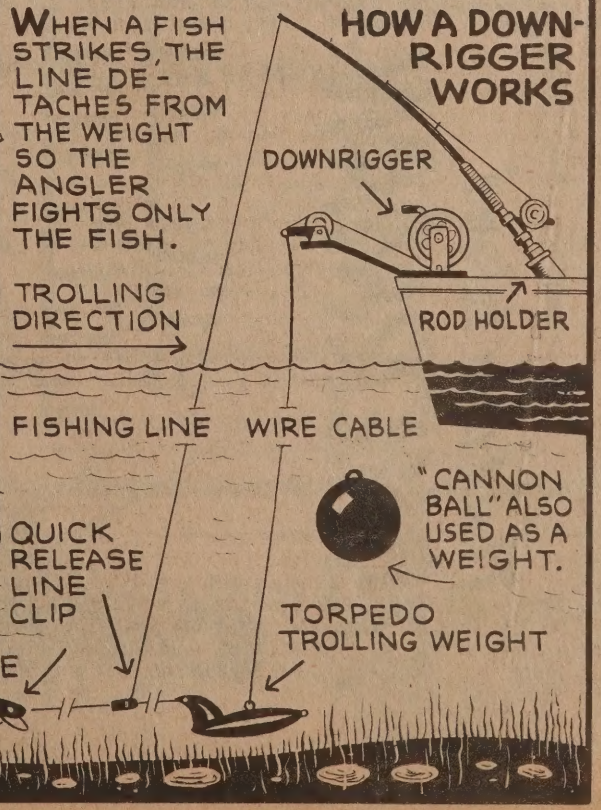

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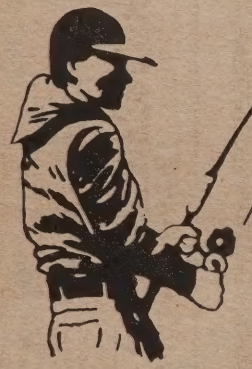

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How To Catch Mackerel

by Jeff Lockwood

The mackerel surprised everyone this year by first showing up in the ocean off Long Island in mid-April. This was about two weeks before their normal spring appearance. The macks moved steadily northward and eastward, and were first located in the eastern end of Long Island Sound around the end of April's third week. By the end of April, the schools were well distributed throughout the Sound.

I made my first mackerel trip this spring aboard the "Klondike VI" out of New Rochelle, on the first of May. Before we sailed, I asked Captain Pete Pearson about the prospects for this spring's fishing. "We started fishing for mackerel just three days ago, but we've already had some excellent catches. The average fisherman has caught around thirty fish, while experts have taken as many as eighty and they're all big Bostons. The fish are in thick all over the western Sound, but they're just not hitting around here yet. (By now they should be biting). We've been running a few miles to the east."

I soon realized that Pete wasn't fooling about the quality of the fishing. Fishing east of buoy 32, off Oyster Bay, just about everyone had a dozen or more fish in the bag by ten o'clock. But then it started to rain, a persistent, heavy downpour developed that would continue for the rest of the day. Gradually, the wind picked up until it was blowing a steady 20 knots. It got to be cold, rough and generally miserable, but the fish kept hitting anyway. Most of the people who fished through the storm had 30 or 40 fish, and one expert fisherwoman up in the bow had by the captain's estimate, "close to a hundred fish." I hope she had fun cleaning them. None of the fish that I saw were under a pound, and most were closer to two pounds.

The Atlantic Mackerel or Scomber Scrombus is one of the smaller members of the large mackerel and tuna family Scombridae. The shape of the mackerel offers the fish great speed with a minimum of water resistance. The mackerel can be identified by its streamlined body, which tapers sharply at the head and tail. There are two widely separated dorsal fins. There are two sets of small finlets on the back and underside in front of the tailfin. The tail is large and deeply forked. The top half of the fish is green with black bands running roughly at right angles to the lateral line. The bottom half of the fish is white.

The agressiveness of the mackerel can be attributed to the fact that the fish lacks a swim bladder to give it buoyancy at rest. Hence, the fish must swim constantly or sink and die, and thereby develops its phenomenal speed and strength. Mackerel are basically small fish. A three pounder is typically a pool winner, and a four pounder is relatively, a monster. However, their size does not seem to detract from their popularity. Mackerel travel in large, densely packed schools, so when one is caught, many more will surely follow. They are one of the easiest fish to catch; rarely will they hesitate to strike a correctly presented lure. Another reason for their popularity, one that perhaps few fishermen will admit to is that there is no urgent need to get up in the middle of the night to begin fishing at sunrise. Mackerel aren't very active until daylight anyway, and they feed throughout the day.

Mackerel feed on practically anything that swims or floats, but mainly plankton, small fish and squid. But all's fair in love, war and the food chain—mackerel are fed upon in turn by whales, porpoises, sharks, tuna, bluefish, striped bass, cod, pollack and sea birds.

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Weakfishing at JESSUP'S NECK

by Dr. William A. Muller

The Peconics are synonymous with spring weakfishing. Many anglers equate this fishing with the magic areas: South Race, Cow Neck, Rose Grove.

But only a few miles to the east, lies a piece of bottom that is every bit as productive as western "hotspots."

Jessup's Neck is not a secret spot. The boats gather like flies on honey, but, in general these boats come from nearby areas. In the Peconics everybody seems to stay in his own backyard. This philosophy is usually a sound one, because the angler who learns the potential of his own territory learns to make it pay off, even when times are lean.

Still, there is good reason at times to move along. The wise fishermen may tough-it-out and produce; but only when common sense and intuition tell you the fish are there! But when a feeling in your gut tells you that it's hopeless, toughing-it-out becomes the height of folly.

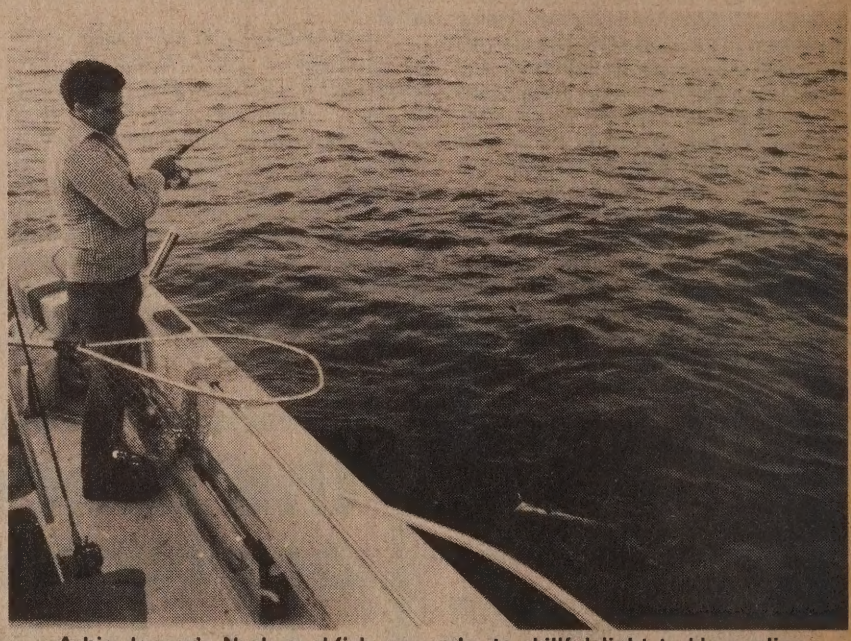
Last year, the weakfishing scene in Great South Bay and the Peconics was a disappointment. Sure, big catches were made here and there, but there was no consistency. A big school of fish today, barren tomorrow.

Through it all, Jessup's Neck proved to be an exception. True, the best catches were taken by nighttime bait fishermen, but daytime light tackle fans had their fun with plastic shrimp and tube lures too!

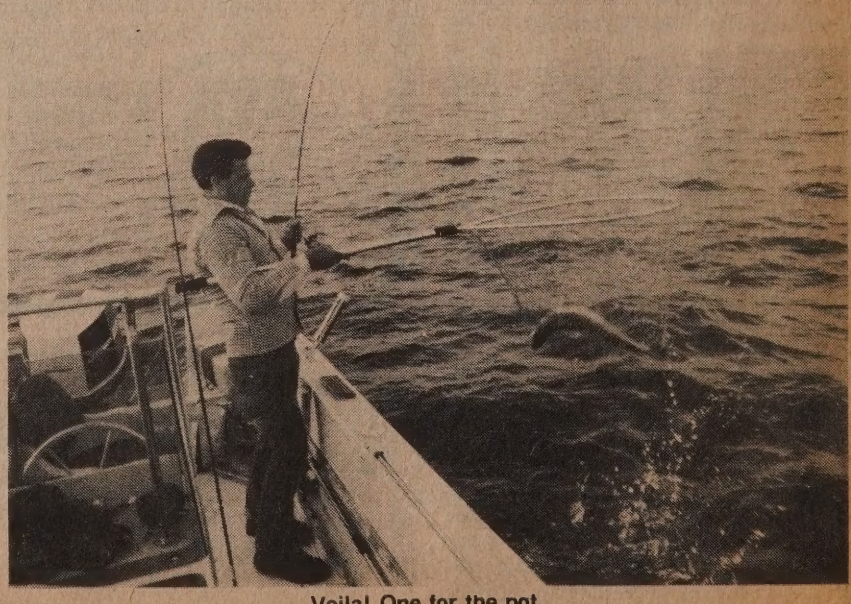
Things may pan out the same way this year, and several reasons for a repeat of last season have been offered. I don't necessarily agree with these theories, but they are food for thought. First, some authorities argue that weakfish have reached their peak in the present cycle and have begun to decline. Second, others have suggested that a cold water-low oxygen level, layer of water off the south shore beaches last season, diverted migrating weakfish to other areas.

Regardless of the cause, if the phenomena repeats itself, Peconic Bay-bound weakfishermen will have to change strategies in order to succeed.

Why does Jessup's Neck produce weakfish when other areas do not? Several factors combine to draw the weaks to this area. First, the water surrounding Jessup's Neck is the deepest part of the Bay. Weakfish can swim in and out of the area in the comfort of the "deep" without pressure from top-side boat traffic. Second, these deep waters traditionally harbor a



A big Jessup's Neck weakfish succumbs to skillful light tackle angling pressure.



Voila! One for the pot.

greater variety of bait: squid, sand eels, butterfish, bunker, mackerel, and small porgies, are usually present in significant numbers. Therefore, there is plenty to eat, and the tiderunners are rarely far away. Third, the bottom formations are varied. Therefore, regardless of the type of bait that may be available, there is a habitat where the bait can "find a home."

Let's talk about the bottom structure and try to understand where the weakfish might gather. The most obvious structure is the bar and the rip that forms at the northern tip of Jessup's Neck. The water, which may be 20 to 60 feet deep on one side of the rip, rises sharply, and then falls away again on the other side of the fast water. The peak of the elevation, which is marked by a bell buoy, forces the tidal flow towards the surface. The water increases speed as it flows up and over the rise, and creates great turbulence. Bait which is directed into the area by the tide, is suddenly hurtled into the turbulence. The weakfish, however, are big enough and powerful enough that they can hold position in the rip and feed on the helpless bait.

The rip forms on both tides, since the elevation falls away fairly equally on both the east and west side of the buoy.

To the west of the buoy are the remains of the South Race/Rose Grove Channel, which begins far to the west at the Shinnecock Canal. The bottom is fairly uniform, but the water is very deep and the sediment is rich with life.

Bait fishermen frequently find cooperative weakfish at the Middle Grounds, around buoy 17. The water is very deep, as mentioned above, so plastic shrimp, whip-tails, and bucktails are difficult to work. Nonetheless, some anglers find this area to be excellent diamond jigging water, and they take big weaks and

dormant fluke regularly.

As we approach Jessup's Neck, the water begins to shoal a little, and the rich bottom at the Middle Grounds becomes more stark. These gently sloping sand flats are in ideal area to work the small artificials on light tackle. Begin the drift about one-half mile west of the bell buoy, on a dropping tide. If the winds are light, the drift will take you towards the rips. You will be working your lures then, in water which becomes progressively shallow. I have found that, although the fish may be found at all depths along the flats, they are most often at the 20 and 30 foot levels.

I have not found the eastern side of the rip to be as productive as the west slope, although there have been several marked exceptions. Nonetheless, the east side waters in immediate proximity to the rip, will not produce as consistently on the incoming tide as the western slope will on the ebb tide.

However, if the angler continues to the east towards Shelter Island, the bottom changes. Follow the main channel until you come to a red nun buoy. At this point, change course and head south-southeast for about three-quarters of a mile.

If you have a recorder, turn it on, and slowly maneuver in increasing diameter circles. You will find a sand bar that runs southwest-northeast. Bouncing artificials down the slope of this bar will be rewarded with heavy strikes. If you have a graph recorder, power along the edge of the bar until you mark fish.

If you do not have a recorder, line up the red buoy with the large white house behind it on the north shore, and be abreast of a black can buoy to your east. The fish usually gather here. Drag the lure in the sand, or gently bounce it: do **not** jig vigorously!

Well, that is Jessup's Neck and the weakfish that haunt it. I hope that there's plenty of fish everywhere to please all, but if there is not, try Jessup's Neck!

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The ABC's of Gaffs

by Pat Abate

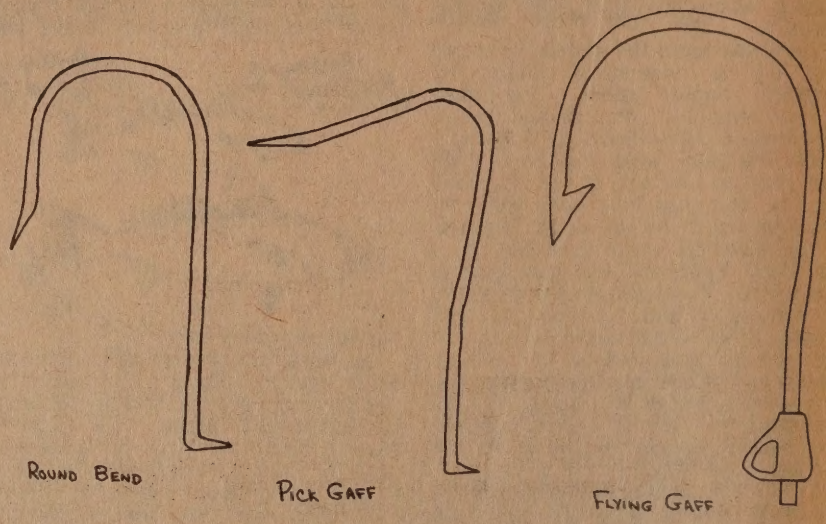
Under most circumstances, once a fish is hooked his next best opportunity for freedom is when you attempt to land him. The hole worn in the fish's mouth is now at its largest, some of the trebles on a plug might already have let go. The fish is now on a short line, possibly swimming back and forth. This changes the direction of the pull the line has on the hook, causing the hole to become larger and possibly pull the hooks out. Now is not the time to fool around, gaff that fish on the first good opportunity. A miss can often mean an empty line.

I learned early in the game about the importance of a gaff. As a youth, I fished for Striped Bass around New York City, under the guidance of an old hand at Stripers. I was too young to drive, so Ben would take me fishing just about every weekend during the season. We were fishing the Brighton Beach Jetties one Fall morning, it was my first "good day" when I caught more than a lone schoolie or two. We were fishing bucktails and pork rind off the end of the jetty. It was pouring rain, but I didn't care. I had five or six schoolies on the stringer and a nicer one on my line.

I worked the fish closer to the rocks, he looked about ten or twelve pounds. This was the largest fish I had on up until then. Ben said "I'd better gaff him." He reached out, stuck him and pulled him across the rocks in one motion. My line rubbed against the mussels and broke, the gaff hook straightened out, and the bass was gone. I stood there with my mouth open, Ben was very apologetic and probably more shocked than I was that such a small fish could do that. The gaff had seen many years of service, but the salt water finally weakened the hook with rust and corrosion. When I recovered from the shock of losing the fish, I resolved to be better prepared in the future.

There weren't many choices for jetty gaffs on the market then. If you wanted a two-inch hook, the longest handle was only two feet. With a two-and-one-half inch hook, you could get a three-foot handle. What I wanted then was a six-foot handle and a two-and-one-half inch hook. The only solution was to make my own. I fastened a two-and-one-half inch steel hook to an old broom handle. I wrapped the hook with an old linen fishing line and varnished it. I wrapped the handle with the same line for a non-slip grip. It held up a couple of seasons, until rust took its toll. There are good stainless steel gaff hooks sold that eliminate the worry of rust.

The three basic parts of a gaff are the hook, shaft, and the handle. The hooks most commonly are made of stainless steel, the better ones are forged. Some steel hooks are available, but hard to find. The most common bends are a



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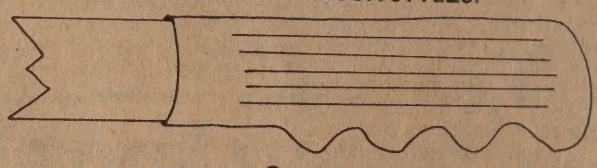


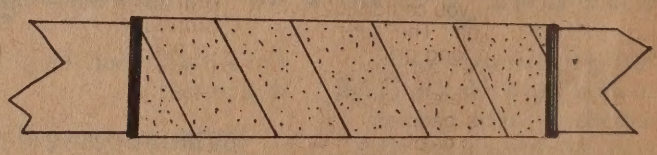


ILLUSTRATION 2. GRIPS.

rounded style, pick gaff or a barbed hook for a flying gaff (see illustration #1). These styles of bends can be modified to suit the individual angler's needs. Some fishermen prefer to open up a round bend a little to allow it to dig in at an angle when gaffing a fish. Many surf fishermen who wade prefer a bend that looks like a combination of a pick and round bend. For heavy, bulky fish such as striped bass and cod, the round bend serves better, as well as being a harder hook to straighten out. The pick gaff makes a better target out of narrow bodied fish such as bluefish that don't have a lot of bulk or weight.

The shaft of the gaff can be made of hollow fiberglas, tubular aluminum, bamboo or hardwood. I've even seen one made out of bakelite (plastic). The two best materials to use are fiberglas and aluminum, both are tough and light-weight, some will even float. Hollow fiberglas can be obtained by cutting a rod blank to suit your needs. Avoid the ultra-fast taper, thin-walled blanks and stick to the beefy types. I'd rather stay around a 9/16th inch inside diameter at the hook end. You can go heavier, but I wouldn't recommend much lighter, unless you are strictly gaffing small to medium fish (under 20 lbs.). The hook of the gaff should be attached to the smaller end of the glass taper.

Aluminum tubing can be obtained at most hardware stores. Three-quarter inch is a good size for most gaffs, if you want a heavier duty gaff, go to a full one inch. I have seen this tubing in lengths up to eight-feet-long. At one hardware store, they sold an eight foot aluminum handled crab net for about the same price as a piece of eight foot aluminum tubing. Now I have a four foot gaff and a

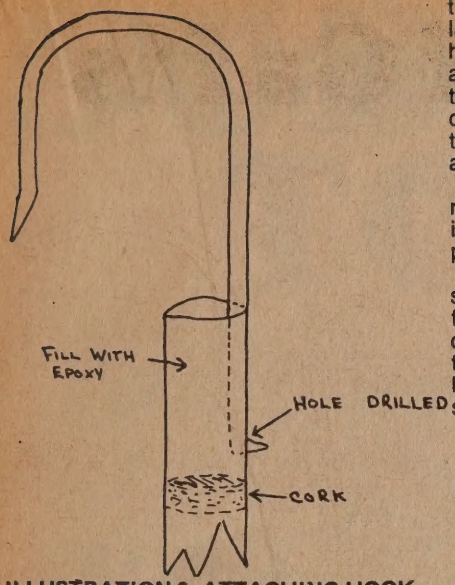


ILLUSTRATION 3. ATTACHING HOOK.

four foot crab net. If you are a good scrounger, you can probably come up with some aluminum conduit; this, however, will be somewhat heavier than common tubing.

The handle or grip can be made of any material which gives you a firm grasp. Some of the handles I have seen are wrapped cork tape, neoprene rod grips, wound cord, bicycle grips, and some with no grip at all. The purpose of the handle is to provide a non-slip grip on the gaff, which can get slimy fairly quick on a night of some fast eel fishing. The most non-slip handle I have ever seen was made of wrapped nylon cord roughened up with a file and then coated with epoxy. The wrapped cork tape is easy to use and provides a fairly non-slip grip. However, if heavy slime is present, such as in eel fishing, you could build up a coating on the tape. The cork tape allows you to make a long grip which is beneficial, especially if you want to grab the gaff at several different lengths. Homemade surf gaffs generally have a neoprene cork rod grip or bicycle handle for a grip. The neoprene provides a soft comfortable grip, but the bicycle grip is superior. The bicycle grip should have ridges in it for your fingers. By aligning the grip with the point of the gaff, you now know the direction your gaff is pointed in without using any light at night. This may sound funny, but when it is pitch black out you don't know where your gaff point is directed. When you are trying to work a bass around that rock and slide him over this rock, you can't take your eyes off him for a split second; least of all you can't start fiddling around with your gaff.

On some gaffs, you will notice a loop of rope on the grip end. The loop is a matter of preference; however, it can be dangerous if you are off balance and a large fish lunges, he can pull you overboard. If you have a well-made grip, the loop should be unnecessary.

On surf gaffs, they are generally attached to your belt with a piece of telephone cord. Quite often when landing a surf fish while wading or rock hopping, one hand is holding the fish, and the other is stringing him or taking the hooks out. Fortunately, the gaff is dangling somewhere in the wash on the telephone cord, waiting to be retrieved and put back on your belt.

The point should be protected when not in use. A piece of tubing slipped over it provides ample protection for both the point and the user.

When sharpening your gaff, use the same principle of triangulation used on fish hooks. The taper should be about one to one-and-one-half inches long. If the taper is too long, you will in effect have a knife slicing your fish. If it is too short, penetration will be difficult.

HOW TO MAKE A GAFF

Materials needed:

Stainless steel forged gaff hook
- 2'' hook for small fish
- 3'' hook for most bass, blues or cod
- 4'' hook for school tuna, small sharks, cow bass.

Shaft made of aluminum tubing or fiberglas, length your preference.

Grip - can be cork tape, cord or bicycle grip. If cord or cork tape is used you will need a butt cap.

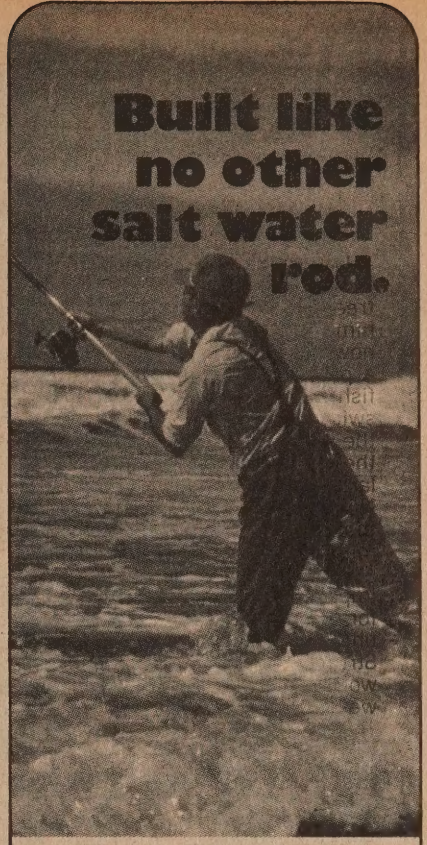
A piece of cork at least one inch long and the diameter of the inside of the hook end of the shaft.

Four ounces of good epoxy cement (not the five minute kind).

Steps in Making the Gaff

1. Cut shaft to desired length and insert a piece of cork approximately 3½'' from the hook end of the gaff, rough up inside of shaft. (See illustration #3.)
2. Drill a 1/8'' hole to accommodate the protrusion on the gaff. (The tang can be pointed toward the point or away from it.)
3. Hold the hook in place with a pair of vise grips. Alignment can be difficult so have patience.
4. Warm the epoxy by placing the container of mixed epoxy over some hot water. This will enable it to pour easier.
5. Pour the epoxy to the top of the shaft. Check it periodically since it will settle and need more epoxy.
6. Allow to harden 24 hours.
7. With a file, trim off excess epoxy and smooth out the area where the tang sticks out, however, do not file this completely flat.
8. Attach grip. If using cork tape the adhesive backing will be sufficient. If using bicycle grip or neoprene cord, use a strong adhesive bonded to a roughened surface.

   If you are making a surf gaff, attach the telephone cord to the inside of the bicycle grip securely before gluing the grip on. Put a large snap-swivel on the other end of the telephone cord for attaching to your belt.



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Bucktailing Weakfish

by Capt. Fred Golofaro

It has been repeated often enough by many angling scribes, that if they had to choose only one lure for all of their fishing, it would be the bucktail jig. Why, then, do so many anglers still remain unfamiliar with the often deadly results of this humble lure?

When the Spring run of weakfish commences in Long Island Bays, around the first week of May, they are especially susceptible to a properly worked jig.

While the vast majority of fishermen are slinging rubber shrimp, a small group of anglers have mastered the art of working a bucktail jig.

Now, I would be a fool to knock a lure worshipped by so many; yet I must say, that day in and day out, a bucktail will outfish a rubber shrimp! We've proven it time, and time again on my own and friends' boats. There are days when it doesn't make any difference what lure you throw at them: whether it be the water temperature is down, or the visibility is poor, they just won't hit. Other days, they cast all caution to the wind, and will take anything.

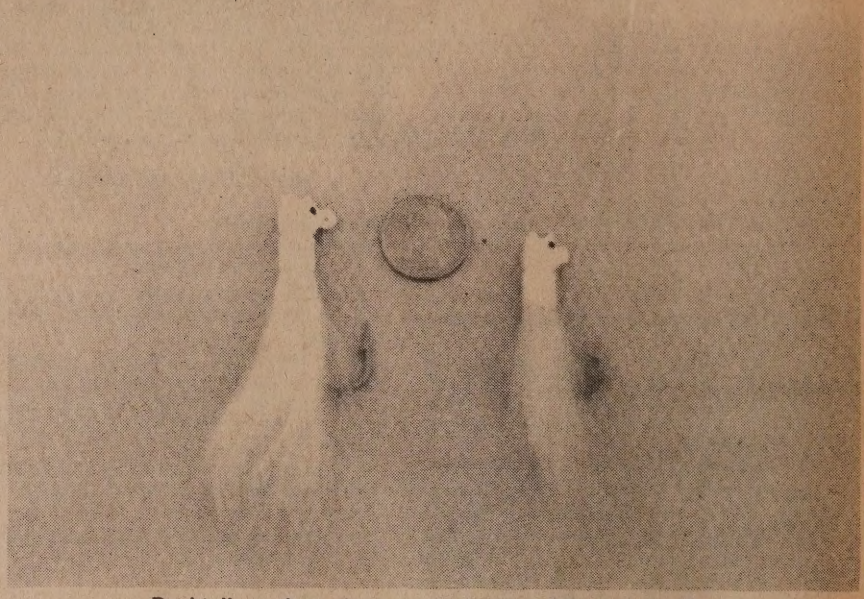
It's an average day when a bucktail can make the difference between a few fish or a full fish box. While a rubber shrimp can be towed along in the wake of a drifting boat with fair success, there is a knack to fishing a bucktail. With a little practice, you will develop a feel and a rhythm to working these lures.

First, cut your engine up-wind, or up-tide (whichever is stronger) of the area you want to cover. Now, contrary to what most people believe, cast in the direction of your drift. This will enable you to work the jig right down along the bottom. Your retrieve should be just fast enough to keep the slack out of your line. If you find your drift is too fast, drag an anchor from amidship on a short line to slow you down.

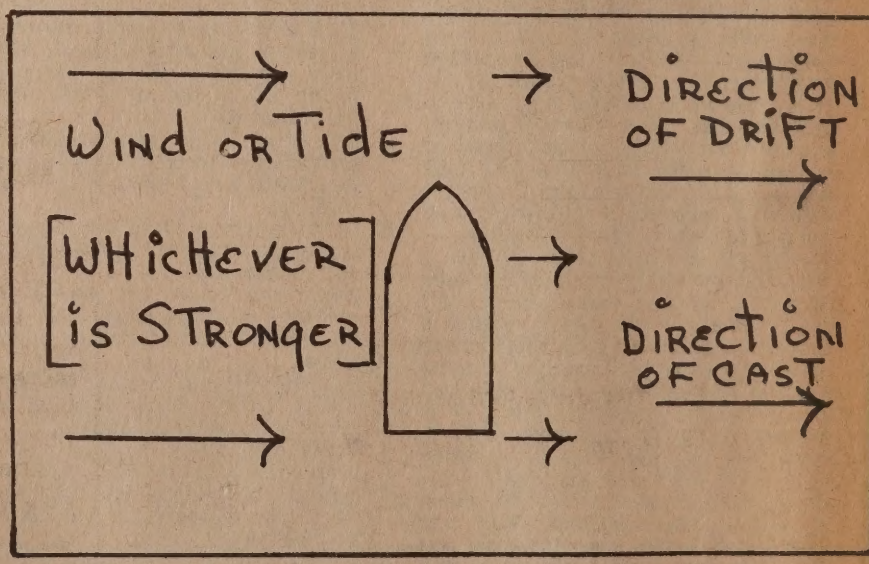
Hold your rod at the three o'clock position with the tip pointed in the direction of your lure. Using your wrist, give it an upward lift every one or two turns of the reel handle. When you have the synchronization mastered, your bucktail should be bouncing up and down off the bottom for the entire retrieve. The strike often comes just as the line settles back down to the bottom; so keep on your toes. A short, crisp, lift of the rod will set the hook which, by the way, should always be kept needle sharp.

Using tackle to match the small jigs you will be casting is important. Light spinning rods designed primarily for freshwater trout and bass, are perfectly suited to this shallow water fishing.

The ideal rod, while light, has enough stiffness in it so that the jigging action is transmitted to the bucktail.



Bucktails such as these small Smiling Bills are deadly.



A good drag is an important consideration when choosing a reel. When a big weak takes off on that first run, a sticky or improperly set drag will lead to one of two things. Chances are, you will tear the hook loose from the fish's soft mouth or, if it is hooked good, pop a line. In short, something is going to give.

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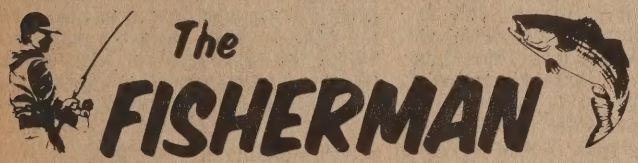

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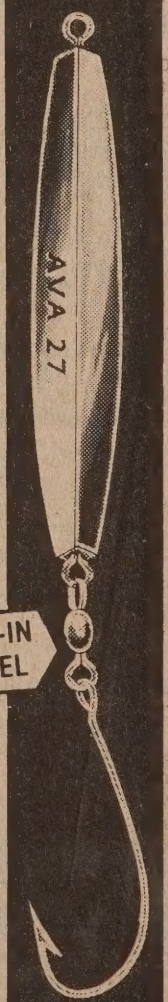

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

From Hank Neville's **Gone Fishing Marina** launched Ed Jarvis and Ed Burke. Their efforts on Saturday resulted in a catch of over 50 cod. Milt Rosco was out two days, bringing in large flounder off Gardiner's on Saturday, and a nice catch of cod and pollock off Block Island the next day. Mrs. Neville reports Milt is a great supporter of fishing and a good sportsman as well.

The **Peconic Queen** still has some openings left for their May 22nd Nantucket Wreck Trip. Sailing time is 9 P.M. and reservations are required. See their ad for phone number.

Captain Ted Stevens of the charterboat **Storm King** reports that after wheel trouble on Friday he was back in the water in time to cash in on Saturday's cod and pollack action where a good catch was made. Sunday was another bonanza day with plenty of cod and pollack south of Block Island along with some fish still holding at the Sub Buoy. Ted says that the flounder action is picking up and should be excellent for the next three weeks. Many fish are in the 2 to 3½ lb. range. Gardiner's and Shagwong have been the hot area with a few fish on Gin Beach. Ted says he has some openings during the next few weeks for anyone who wants to get in on some quality flounder fishing.

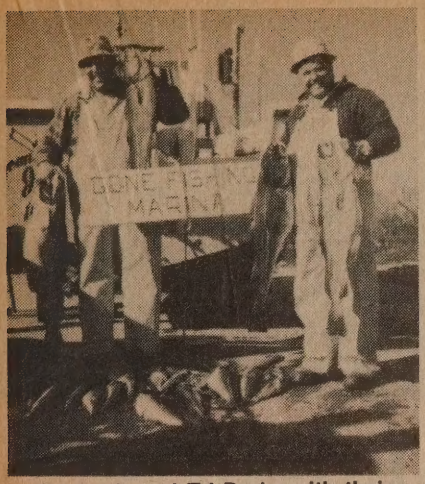
Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported that "we knocked the socks off of them," when we called to ask if the cod and pollack action south of Block Island was holding up. Paul said that word has gotten around about this great fishing and fishermen were left at the dock on both Saturday and Sunday when the **Star** sailed with capacity crowds. 4 mates were gaffing fish at one time and the catch consisted of about half cod and half pollack on diamond jigs and tubes. The average cod run 15 to 18 pounds with Saturday's pool taken by a 50 pounder and Sunday's pool taken by a 35 pound cod. The pollack averaged 18 to 20 pounds and above. Paul said that they had a tremendous problem fishing on Sunday due to all the little outboards that came on to the scene and ruined the action for everyone. Small boat anglers are advised that this area can be very dangerous to small boats as it is a long haul and if a wind suddenly kicks up, it's a long ride home....it may take the rest of your life. Paul said that the best bet for anglers is to try fishing during the week when the boat traffic is less, fishing is better, and there is little chance of being left at the dock.

Shown here is an example of the fish caught on May 7th. The Viking arrived back at the dock early due to the great number of fish caught. The pool was won by John Freebees with a 51 lb. cod.

T.V. Star David Groh of Rhoda's Show, split the pool of $139 with Joe Peragine. The fish weighed in at 49 ½ pounds each with mixed catches of cod, pollack, mackerel and whiting taken aboard the Peconic Queen III.

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin IV** reported that the cod and pollack fishing is still great with some monster whiting thrown in. The boat sailed close to capacity on both Sat. and Sun. Fishing was down on Sunday due to the boat traffic.

Captain Dusty Doerzbacher of the **Little Bear** reported that the fishing was hot all week but tapered off somewhat on the weekend. So many fish were being taken by anglers during the week that many, many were left in the hands of the mates because fishermen just couldn't transport them all home. Dusty confirmed that the boat traffic was a problem on the weekend, and he decided to take the Soft Sod Fishing Club to Cartwright on Sunday to get away from the mob scene. A mixed bag of cod, flounder, pollack, and blackfish were taken there. The big seabass are just starting to show and this fishing should improve very rapidly from now on. The



Ed Jarvis and Ed Burke with their catch of cod taken on Saturday, May 7th with many fish weighing over 21 pounds. Photo courtesy of Gone Fishing Marina.

Captain reported very good flounder fishing at Shagwong with clams and a few blackfish mixed in.

Captain Frank Pike of the charter-boat **Leatherneck** reported that the cod and pollack fishing is still very good off Block Island with nice snowshoes of 2 to 3 pounds being taken at Shagwong.

Captain Paul Sundberg of the charter-boat **Montauk** reported that his special sound electronic shark chumming machine is all installed and ready to go get that first shark. As noted in Fred Guardineer's column on page 17, certain sounds like Beatle music can drive sharks crazy, while others get them all excited and just dying to jump on a hook. For further info about this new electronic marvel, give the Captain a call.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that during the week he saw some cod and pollack catches that had to be seen to be believed. The boats are unloading their fish and bringing them to the clean-up table with shopping carts and make 3 or 4 trips. The "Marie III' had between 40 and 60 cod and pollack per day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The hot action is on Ava diamond jigs, which are in good supply at the Yacht Club's Tackle Center. A few fish are also being taken on skimmers. Captain Ronnie Goldberg of the "Bar-Bar-Jac" had a banner day on Saturday with a fantastic catch of cod and pollack. He took 48 pollack up to 48 pounds and 30 cod up to 51 pounds on Shark's Ledge. Returning to the same area on Sunday 20 more cod to 35 pounds were boated and all the pollack were released. Giant whiting are also being taken in the area as a by-catch on the diamond jigs. On Sunday the "Bumble Bee" took 35 pollack to 35 pounds. The "My Toni" massacred the flounder off Tobbaccolot on Saturday. The boat scored with 80 flounder up to 3½ pounds using skimmer clams and chum.

PROMISED LAND

Promised Land Fishing Station reports that because of the heavy winds fishing was slow for his rental customers. Most of the fishing was done close to the station and flounder averaging 1½ pounds were taken with some fish running up to 3½ pounds. Some of the private boaters did well with these flounder. Some blackfish were mixed in with these flounder but only 1 to 2 per boat were taken. With some good weather the fishing should once again improve.

HAMPTON BAYS

Skipper's Fishing Station says that right out in front of the station on Saturday his boats were doing a job on fluke, with Gary Capasso of Plainview boating 20 keepers up to 6 pounds 9 ounces along with an 8 and 9.8 lb. weakfish. Average was 6 to 7 fluke per boat. The Peconic weaks are strong and good sized. Flounders at buoy 17 and by the bridge on the flood on sandworms, average size 1 to 1½ pounds.

Corr's Fishing Station reports that heavy winds in Peconic Bay this past week seems to have slowed week activity. Most boats averaged 1 to 4 fish with a few taking 15 to 20. Most of the fishing is being done from the National Golf Course to Cow's Neck using Salty Dogs and a Mister Twister with a strip of squid. In Shinnecock Bay fluke fishing is improving. During the week boats caught 6 to 12 keepers using strips of squid with sand eels or spearing. The

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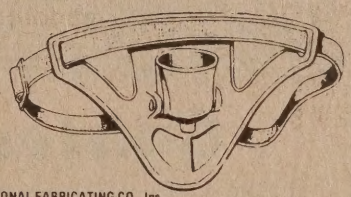

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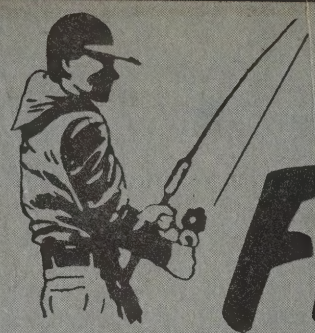

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1. DATES-- The Contest will begin at midnight on May 1st and end at midnight on October 31st, 1977. Fish must be caught during this time frame and be confirmed as a new World Record by the International Gamefish Association (I.G.F.A.) no later than February 1st, 1978.

2. ENTRY FEE--There is no entry fee to participate in the Contest. The only requirement is that you MUST have been a subscriber of The Long Island Fisherman for at least 30 DAYS before the date that a fish was caught. Immediate members of a subscriber's family are also eligible if they are living together in the same household. Example: Mother, father, brother, sister, daughter. son.

3. ELIGIBLE SPECIES--The Contest has ten (10) eligible species: five inshore and five offshore. They are:

Inshore--	Offshore--
FLUKE	BLUE SHARK
WEAKFISH	MAKO SHARK
STRIPED BASS	WHITE SHARK
BLUEFISH	SWORDFISH
BLACKFISH	WHITE MARLIN

4. RULES--The winner of the Contest will be determined by fish caught by subscribers of The Long Island Fisherman that are recognized as new World Records by the I.G.F.A. The following rules will apply:
   a. Fish must be one of the ten eligible species
   b. Catch must be made sometime between midnight May 1st and midnight October 31st, 1977.
   c. Fish must be taken in Long Island Waters.
   d. All catches must be made under the rules and regulations set up by the I.G.F.A. These rules and regulations will be printed in the May 5th issue of The Long Island Fisherman, and will be available after that date for any angler sending in a self-addressed envelope to The Fisherman.
   e. The catch must be CONFIRMED as a new World Record by the I.G.F.A. by February 1, 1978.
   f. New records can be for any of the I.G.F.A. line classes: 6-lb., 12-lb., 20-lb., 30-lb. 50-lb., 80-lb., 130-lb., or All Tackle, for both Men and Women.

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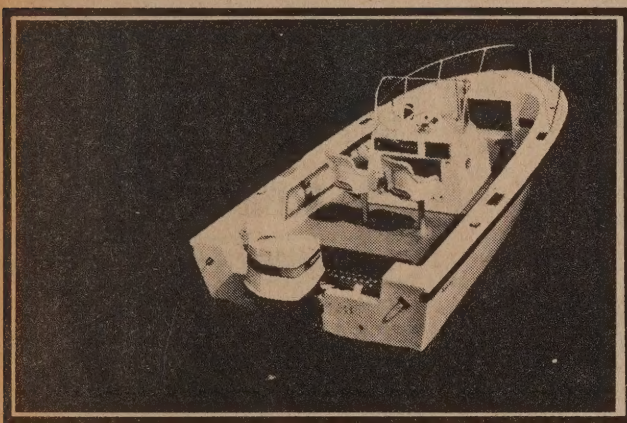

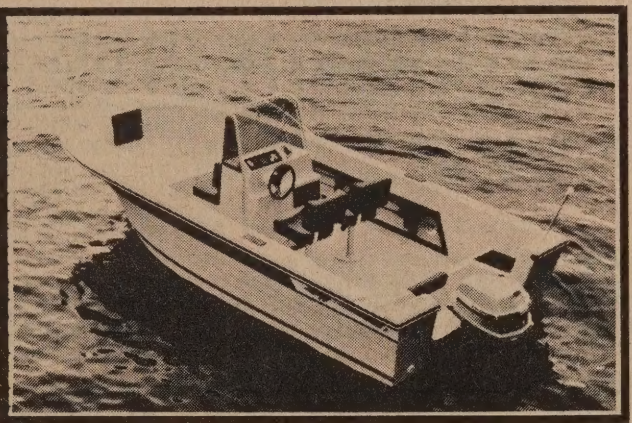

record fish. If it appears that the fish is a possible record, it must then be OFFICIALLY weighed in at STARFISH MARINE in East Islip, New York. After the Official Weigh-In Starfish Marine will prepare the necessary record applications that must be sent to the I.G.F.A. It is the anglers responsibility to transport his catch to and from Starfish Marine.

6. CURRENT RECORDS--For the convenience of eligible anglers, the current recognized records by the I.G.F.A. will be published in the May 5th issue of The Long Island Fisherman. Periodic updates of new records set while the contest is in progress will also be published in the pages of The Fisherman.

7. TIES--In the event that more than one subscriber sets a new World Record, the winner will be decided by the following criteria:
   a. The angler setting the most I.G.F.A. records during the contest will be the winner.
   b. In the event that no angler sets more than one record, but two or more anglers set a single record, the following point system will be utilized to place the winners:
      1. One point will be scored for each percentage point that the new record beat the previously held record, based on weight. Example: If the new record is 25 lbs. and the old record was 20 lbs., the new record is 25% more weight. Score 25 points.
      2. One point will also be scored for every year that prior record existed. Example: If the old record was set in May 1967 and the new record is set in 1977, score 10 points.

8. PRIZES--The Grand Prize will be the winners choice of a 1978 Grady White Center Console or a Mako 20, which will be awarded by Starfish Marine. If more than one new I.G.F.A. approved World Record is set, there will be a consolation prize for the 2nd highest point fish of $500, 3rd highest $250 and $50 for each additional record.

9. JUDGES--The decision of the judges will be final.

10. Employees of Starfish Marine or The Long Island Fisherman and their immediate family members are prohibited from participating in the Contest. Anglers that have had an article published in The Fisherman within the past three years are also ineligible.

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Wellington Carvalho, Bill Donaldson and Howard Levine with 26 flounder in the 1½ lb. range caught on an incoming tide in the area of buoy 43 using bloodworms, sandworms and mussel for bait and mussels and corn for chum. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

best areas are Shinnecock Canal to buoy 34 and East Channel by Shinnecock Inlet. Flounder are still being taken between East Channel and Heady Creek. Fish size remains good but catches are small. Jerry Marcus fished aboard Captain Richard Christensen's boat "Later" caught 8 weakfish with the largest running 9 pounds.

MORICHES BAY

Romana Seifert of the **Silly Lilly** relates good flounder, many around 1½ pounds, over the weekend, north of buoy 42. She advises that fishermen should stay on the mud flats, around 200 yards offshore. The area right at the buoy is not productive; but south of it is fine. Mussel chum was used, along with clams and worms. A couple people

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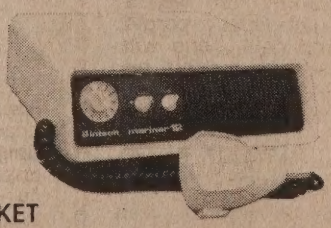

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Gary Hancock, Gil Ulm and Gordon Trainor of Glen Cove with 16 weakfish up to 7 ½ pounds taken north of buoy 3 on Salty Dogs with squid. Photo courtesy of South Bay Fishing Station.

fished for fluke, landing some weighing about four pounds. This coming weekend should be great, with high tide around 9:00, so anglers will get both tides.

Tadsen's Fishing Station reports that with flounder fishing the quality was good but the quantity isn't what it should be. Most fish were taken at buoy 29 and buoy 27 off the Brown House using mussel chum and bloodworms.

Cerullo Bros. reports that fluke are starting to show in the east cut of the inlet with the keepers ranging 16 to 18 inches with around a 50 percent throwback average. Flounder fishing has slowed but fish being taken on incoming tide at buoy 29 and buoys 36 to 39. Fish are averaging 1 to 1 ½ pounds and can be taken on worms and heavy mussel chumming.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station reports good catches of flounder, fluke and eels at buoy 23 on worms, spearing and mussels with outgoing best. Buoy 17 is producing flounders, eels and blowfish. Buoy 12 area for weaks on the bottom tides but fish getting smaller but more abundant and hitting Salty Dog Lures. Lots of local action. A few blues on the outside on tubes and a mako taken over the weekend 12 miles southeast of the inlet.

SAYVILLE

Busy weekend at **Young's Fishing Station.** Danny Dorelli, Frank De Pasqua and Mike Andreycisk, from the Transit Authority, landed 30 weakfish averaging 7-8 pounds on Saturday. Green Salty Dogs did the trick, as the trio fished between buoys 29 and 30 off Heckscher. On Sunday, Jerseyites Eilo Toledo and Julio Delgado were out to out-do everybody, and caught over 30 weaks between 6-9 pounds, in the buoys 4 and 5 area off Heckscher. Flounder are still running off Ocean Beach, according to Doug.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports that Jim Horne took the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Weakfish Contest with an 11 lb. 11 oz. weakfish taken on a Salty Dog at buoy 4 to win the $500 prize which he split with buddy and mate Ed Mossman. Vito says fantastic weakfishing with the area between buoys 4 and 5 at Heckscher and Black Buoy 3, Heckscher producing best. Salty Dogs and squid are doing it. Any size and color Dog and also Hopkins working. It's been 35-40 weaks per boat. Fluke have been mixed with the weaks on squid. There are still flounders available but not many people seem to be going after them. Also taken this week was a 1¾ kingfish.

EAST ISLIP

Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle reports some fluke at Ocean Beach on Saturday up to 5 pounds on squid. Weakfish also at Ocean Beach. Try the Heckscher Flats with Salty Dogs and chumming with grass shrimp.

OAK BEACH

The Store reports that the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club Weakfish Tourny on Saturday was copped by Jim Horn with an 11 lb. 11 oz. weak. The weakies have slowed down some though a few have been taken at the draw bridge and on the flats. Fluke has broken loose since Thursday with several boats bagging 25 keepers each. Hot spots are at the North End of the Moses Bridge and from Captree Marine to the draw bridge. **The Store** has fresh jumbo sand eels, we are told. The fluke are eating squid and sand eels and an occasional pink Salty Dog and they are good solid fish. Flounder fishermen will find action to their liking at the Sore Thumb.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle tells us that Dick Krebb of Brightwaters had lots of weakfish on Pussycats at West Island. Good weakfishing in Ranger Channel, fish 3-8 pounds on Salty Dogs and Pussycats. Fluking very good. Try West Channel with sandeels and squid. Also producing is Fire Island Inlet along the South Beach. Plenty of flounder from the Lightouse to the Bridge on worms, mussels and chum. Lots of big porgies being taken in pound nets along with some sea bass. Mackerel are hit and miss with one angler taking 500 himself on Saturday. No bass news.

CAPTREE

Mickey Chiarenza of **Tri-Fin**, with sons Billy and Jimmy, and John De Semone, took 18 weakfish from 4-8 pounds—all done on Mickey's one-half ounce, Tri-Fin pink and white Jig 'N Tail. Mickey noted that his catch far outweighed other boats in the Heckscher area midway between Buoys 3 and 4, about 300 yards to the west.

Captain Neil of the **Lady Ann** called to report the excellent flounder fishing he's been having and that the fluke has

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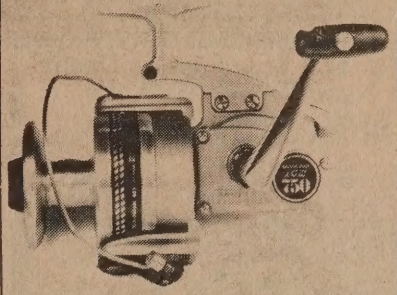

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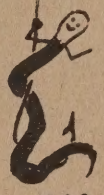

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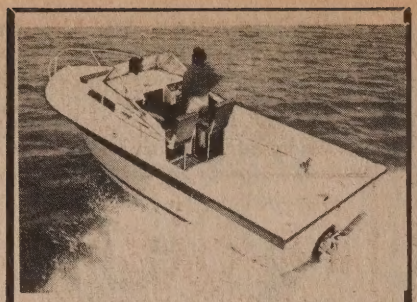

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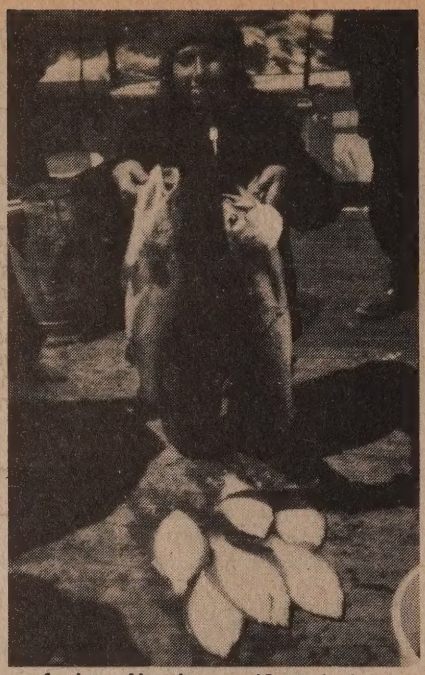

Andrew Nussbaum, 13, took these 4½ and 5¾ lb. weakfish and 6 flounder aboard the Lady Ann on a special dawn weakfish trip.

started strong and it looks like a good fluke year. On Saturday the Fresh Pond Fishing Club had 35 keeper fluke and then the boat whipped out to buoy 12 at Ocean Beach for over 350 flounder. On Sunday the Farmingdale Jewish Center boated close to 400 flounder again plus the first couple of blowfish of the year along with a good catch of nice flounders, some eels, and a pair of skates. Neil asked us to announce that he is making special Saturday night reservation only trips for weakfish sailing 7 P.M. and returning at midnight for the next four Saturday nights. See the Lady Ann ad for phone number to reserve.

Captain Carl Bauer of the **Captain Whittaker** reported that the boat has been having excellent fishing by going for both flounder and fluke. On Saturday 100 fluke averaging 1½ to 2 pounds and up to 4 pounds were taken in ½ day along with 150 flounder.

Ebb tide has been best for flounder in the deep water around Ocean Beach and the State Channel. Fluke fishing has been best with sand eels on the last of the ebb tide in the State Channel and around the bridge.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** said that they had super mackerel fishing all week long with the exception of Wednesday for some reason. The mackerel fishing was terrific while it lasted, but now the boat will be concentrating on weakfishing. The weak action has been getting stronger in the evenings and the fish started to pod-up on the Heckscher Flats around buoy 3 and 4 for the first time on Saturday night, when 30 weakfish were taken there. The gill netters have started doing their number in the same area. The fish range from 6 to 10 pounds, and the Captain said the best action has been

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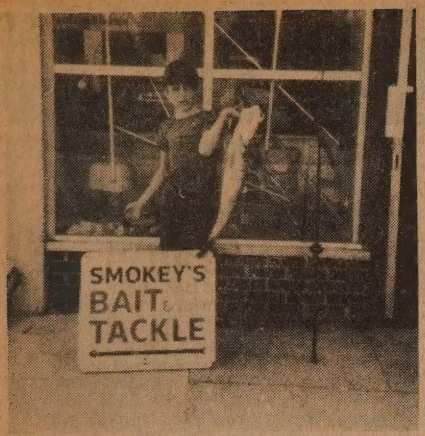

Carl Kenyon Jr. of Brentwood took this 9 lb. weakfish which was weighed in at Smokey's Bait and Tackle of Bayshore.

after 6 P.M. continuing right up until dusk. Hottest lures are pink shrimp and Mr. Twisters. Speedy said they also are starting to have a bunch of weakfish following one that has been hooked to the boat. The boat is now sailing daily at both 7 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. for weakfish and you should bring spinning tackle. The next tilefishing trip will leave on June 12th. Reservations should be made early, as the May 30th trip has already been booked solid.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** said that on Saturday night's trip for weakfish he saw the first good body of fish podding up on the flats at the north end of Range Channel west of buoy 3. All the boats are catching good except when the private boats go running around the area scaring the fish. Best action has been from 5:30 P.M. 'till dusk on the flood tide, and most of the fish are in the 4 to 6 lb. category. Hi-hook on Saturday night was 4 weakfish. The fluke are a little spotty yet but improving daily, and while the flounder fishing can still be considered good, they are definitely fading.

The first doormat fluke to be taken by one of the Captree fleet was taken on Saturday. Clint Hilliard of Cold Spring Harbor bagged a 9 lb. 4 oz. doormat fluke near the bridge on Saturday while fishing aboard the **Anna M**.

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Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** reports some weakfish activity west of Grass Island with one angler bagging 8 weaks on artificial shrimp jigs and with squid. Fluke and flounder in the same area. On Sunday some blowfish, a weak, and some flounder were taken. All in all, catches were fair. Snake Hill Channel's buoys 4 and 6 have been best for flounder.

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Charlie's Bait and Tackle tells us that the fluke have started strong at the Sore Thumb, the Coast Guard Station, the Inlet and around Frank and Dick's. Best baits are artificial shrimp lures, sand eels and squid and of course live killies on all tides. Flounder still pretty good at Oak Beach, the Sore Thumb, State Channel, Good Sam and Heckscher. Worms, clam and mussel chum, of course. Macks heavy in 110 feet of water south of the inlet. Frank Saide had 300 over the weekend. Blacks on the artificial reef on fiddler crabs. Larry Frank had a 7 and 11 lb. bass at Fire Island Inlet while bucktailing, and sea robins have started to show.

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AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports a 24 lb. 5 oz. striper taken at Democratic Point on Sunday night on a sand worm fished from the beach by Jim Fallon of Long Beach. That a Boy, Jim! School bass and weaks at the hole north of the Lighthouse and on the flats in 10 feet of water there's good fluking, same area. Weakfish at Ocean Beach and Ranger Channel and at Heckscher on drifted sand worms. Also some have been chummed with shrimp. Fluke in Fire Island Inlet, State Channel and the Wantagh Bridge areas on sand eels and killies. Flounder at Squaw Island, the Wantagh Draw Bridge and the Gilgo portion of the State Channel along with the Sore Thumb. This is on worms and mussels with chumming helpful.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports reports flounder fishing has dropped off this week but the fluke and weakfish are better, with red and white Pussycats working best for both species. Macks excellent southeast of Jones Inlet in 40 to 50 feet of water. Bill along with Kevin Kelly took 61 fluke on squid and sand eels drifting off Democrat Point, fish up to 3 pounds. Blacks very good at the bridges and T-wreck up to 5 pounds on fiddlers.

SEAFORD

Salice Boat Basin reports good flounder from ¾ to 2½ pounds with the 3rd Wantagh on bloodworms and chum, 15 to 40 fish per boat. Watch out for short fluke. Weakfish are in the area being taken on Salty Dogs with a few coming from Massapequa Cove, Four Corners and the Bridges.

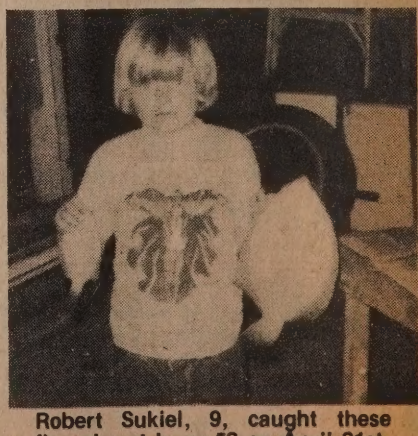
BELLMORE

Merrick Marine Supplies reports that there are plenty of weaks at Ocean Beach being bucktailed and also taking squid and sand worm baits on all tides. These fish are from 5 to 7½ pounds. Plenty of macks offshore in 65 feet of water up to 1½ miles southwest of the J.I. buoy. Whiting are underneath them, to 3½ pounds. Plenty of flounder and fluke with fluke taking sand eels and squid in particular. These flatfish are active at Swift Creek and at Jones Inlet.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports a real blitz on fluke on Saturday. One boat had 49 keepers on Saturday, taken at Swift Creek on sand eels and squid by Charles Guardia and son of Ozone Park. Flounder fishing is good at Rowboat Alley and where Ned's Creek meets Broad Creek. Weakfish were taken at the Meadowbrook Bridge on Friday night, to the tune of 10 fish up to 10¾ pounds on sandworms.

On Saturday LIF Staffer Stu Miller had Harvey Kawler of **Herman's** out in the 14 ft. Starcraft fishing Rowboat Alley. Bloodworms and clam accounted for 18 big fat flounder, nine fish for each of these erstwhile anglers.



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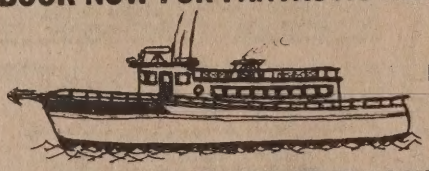

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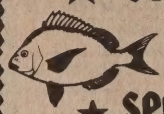

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The **Capt. Lou II** reports very good flounder fishing mainly south of the Loop Bridge at Reynolds Channel on the flat piece near buoys 9 and 13. Fundy and the Coast Guard Station are also producing. The boat is staying with the flounders for now. A typographical error last week stated Lou's mate, Mike, to be 16 years old. Mike is 18.

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both boats fishing flounder locally. It was good in the morning before change of tide, then over to Reynolds Channel for the rest of the day. On Sunday the BF II fished local flounder and then shot offshore for a mixed bag of ling, whiting, and macks, 20 to 30 fish per man. This was a charter for the Valley Stream VFW. On the Blue Fin, the Empire Sporting Goods Charter averaged 25 fish per man of ling and whiting, up to 5 pounds for ling and up to 3 for whiting. Some sand shark, skate, fluke, and sea bass were also taken. Sy says to let you know that he has just 11 openings for his upcoming tilefish trip.

The charterboat **Sea Egg** called to say that a group from Brooklyn loaded up on Saturday with weaks and macks. Bill says that he has some choice shark dates still open.

Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle reports mackerel in abundance Saturday and Sunday. Flounder at Swift Creek, the mouth of Woodcleft Canal on sandworms. Keeper fluke are showing, hitting sand eels and squid. Weaks in the State Channel on shrimp jigs tipped with squid. Bob says to stop in and see them at their 2nd location at Wes Carmen's Marina.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports that all of his boats came back with fish over the weekend with Tony Gullo returning with 18 keeper fluke taken on squid and sand eels at High Flats Drain. Flounder are being brought in to the tune of 10 to 20 per boat.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports that fishing has been fairly good. Fluke have been taken at the flats towards Meadowbrook Bridge. Flounder fishing has slowed but an average of 25 to 30 fish per boat can be had at Swift Creek, Meadowbrook Bridge and Buoys 16 and 18. Kenny Ranucci from Oceanside took 14 really good sized blacks using fiddlers at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Fishermen are loading up on mackerel four miles southeast of the inlet.

The **Marie III** reports fantastic mack fishing. On Saturday fishing south of the Whistle buoy at Jones and drifting west they loaded up on mackerel and by 8:30 they were ready to quit. On Sunday the fishing was the same with plenty of mackerel being taken fishing buoy 4 and drifting east. The mackerel are hitting anything at any depth. On May 26th, 27th, 29th, and 30th, the Marie III will be sailing open at 8:00 A.M. for fluke and wreck fishing.

ISLAND PARK

The Commodore reports that on Saturday they had 25 keeper fluke and 30 throwbacks. They then shot out to buoy 4 on the outside where they bagged up on red hake and seabass. On Sunday the boat had 30 keeper fluke, then ran offshore for another good shot of ling and whiting along with a few sea bass at buoy 4. They took 1 dozen whiting in East Rockaway inlet also. More fluke are coming into the bays now and Captain

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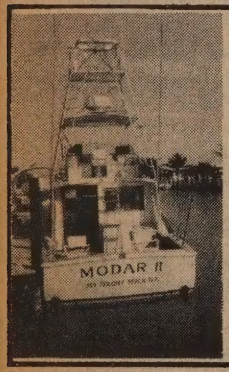

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Big Mohawk II reports very good mackerel fishing on Saturday for the Mombasha Fire Department of Monrue N.Y. fishing northeast of the NC Buoy for loads of mackerel which were diamod jigged along with whiting of up to 3 pounds. Sunday's charter, Orbit Lodge, Nights of Pithias, Bkly'n, fished northwest of the NC and also east for mackerel from 30 to 50 fish per man for the day. Last Friday the 40th precicnt from the Bronx shot down a whole load of macks also, along with L&W. Another body of macks is moving up from the south. Tony says to let you know he has some choice day and night bluefish trips still open, weekdays and weekends.

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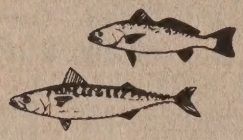

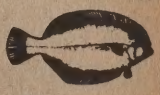

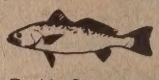

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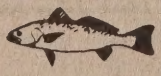

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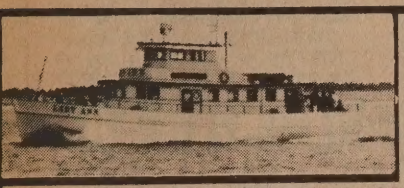

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Dorothy B reports fantastic mackerel, ling and whiting every day with a short ride and full bags. Also some fluke mixed in with the whiting and ling. A super spring, with Captain Kevin fishing Ambrose, Scotland and the Rockaway wrecks and reefs. "Best spring I can remember."

Captain Tom on the **Elsie K III** reports Friday, Saturday and Sunday saw very fast mackerel, ling and whiting fishing. A bonanza, said Tom. This was definitely the best weekend of the mackerel season. Macks are from Scallop Ridge/Buoy 4 and to the jetty.

The charterboat **High Ball** reports fantastic whiting, ling and mackerel fishing Friday through Sunday southeast of buoy 4 with the macks there and ling and whiting mainly at the Ambrose Tower. Joe's Anglers Fishing Club bagged up on Sunday.

Captain Larry of the **Eagle** reports great mackerel fishing days and his night whiting trips equally as great. Larry says the fishing now is unbelievable. He also says that the boat is now docked at pier 7 and that he will not be sailing Friday night, Saturday and Sat. night due to the upcoming tile trip, but will sail again for the Wednesday Night and Sunday day trip.

The **Pilot II** reports fishing was good during the week but only fair on the weekend for blackfish. The boat got 100 sea bass on Saturday and approximately another 100 on Sunday. Blacks were slow for the weekend due to the water temperature still being a little cool. The lobster pots however, are loaded with blacks and sea bass from 5 to 7 pounds so there's a lot of jumbos there and they will start treating hook and line fishermen well as soon as the temp increases a bit.

The **Flamingo II** reports that during the week mackerel catches increased a lot and really exploded to a fast and furious pace, like the best of all possible times. The weekend was a bonanza, the hottest days of the mackerel season so far. Bags and 20 gallon garbags containers were filled to overflowing. Also excellent ling and whiting fishing on the bottom for the biggest kind of whiting. The general picture couldn't be better. Sea bass are starting to show on wrecks and it looks like an excellent sea bass season as well. Watch for the **Flamingo III** which will be coming up soon.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports that flounder fishing has slowed down at the North and South Channel Bridges with fish averaging ½ pound. Bass fishing is on the upswing at the bridges with a fair number of keepers being taken on worms. Blackfish are coming in strong at Rockaway Beach and the Marine Parkway Bridge. Lloyd Williams of Bkly'n took a 3 lb. 1 oz. porgy, 2 bass and 5

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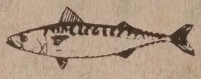

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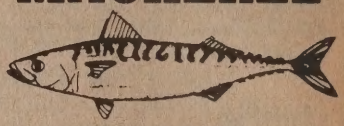

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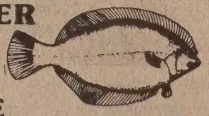

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flounder up to 1 pound all on bloodworms fishing the South Channel Bridge area.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that he is waiting for the main run of stripers to start but the fishing right now is a steady pick. Small fish with lots of throwbacks are being taken at Cliff Street, Penny Beach, Jersey St., and Sailor's Snug Harbor along with flounder, tommy cod and eels. A few fluke are being taken in the Great Kills Park and Midland Beach areas. Great Kills Harbor is still producing 1 to 2 lb. blues and a scattering of flounder. Boat fishermen can catch blackfish at Bug Light and the Old Home Dock. The fish are averaging 1½ to 2 pounds but can be taken up to 5 pounds.

Pete Penta and Nicholas Chudkowsky with 26 weaks taken from the "Steps" averaging 7 pounds. These fish were taken on Salty Dogs with squid. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** reports poor weakfishing every since the northwest winds and snow early last week put the water temp. down. However, on a Sunday night charter for the Greenport High School, the boys took over 30 weakfish, landing them on squid. They were coming good but the boat had to return as there was school the next day. Gary Blasko of Greenport had an 11 lb. pool fish. Artie forcasts better fishing once the water goes up a few degrees.

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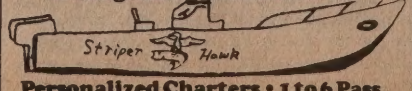

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Guy DeBlasio, Carol DeBlasio and Richie Doherty with 24 weakfish in the 6 ½ to 10 ¼ lb. range and one fluke of 4 pounds taken at buoys 25 to 35 using Salty Dogs and squid. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

few weakfish being taken north of Paradise Point. The flounder fishing is still good but some do good and some do bad. Blacks are starting to bite in the Sound east of Gardiner's Island and in the rocky areas.

The **Brand X** reports that on Saturday night they had some good weak action between the Middle Grounds and Nassau Point. The fish were caught towards the end of the night up to 9 pounds.

SOUTHOLD

Peter of **Port of Egypt** said last Saturday the weakfish were at buoy 17 and 18. James Miller of Long Island City took weaks and porgies up to four pounds one ounce which is the biggest porgy of the year so far. That giant fish was caught at buoy 18. His total for the day was 17 porgies and 26 weaks. He was using a Salty Dog with a squid strip. For porgies he was using clam on a hi-lo rig (low hook) and a three foot leader on the top hook for the weaks. Rocky Magnante and Mickey Didgs of Corona took 28 weaks up to 8½ pounds at buoys 14 and 17. The winner of the one day Long Island Weakfish Tourny was Al Smolski from Huntington with a 9 pound 5 ounce weak. This was sponsored by the So. Shore Marlin and Tuna Club from Babylon. He was the winner only from Port of Egypt. Fluke have started on the east side of buoy 17. There's a little spot out there called 72 foot hole. A few blacks are over to the west side of Jessup's Neck. Porgies are starting to pick up pretty good. A smattering of fluke plus a few decent size blacks rounded out the catches. Renee Perez and friend from Brooklyn took 21 weaks. Ken Ruben from Flushing took 12 weaks at the Steps which is west of Jessup's Neck, with the largest taken being nine pounds. Ninety two pounds out of a possible 126 rental boats were out on the water last Sunday.

NEW SUFFOLK

Captain Marty's Fishing Station reports that fishing is very good. Larry Smeen took 25 weaks one of which was the biggest to come into the station of 11¾ pounds taken in the South Race area on Salty Dogs with squid. Quite a few porgies up to 3¼ pounds are being taken at buoys 23 and 25. Weaks at buoys 25 through 32 can be taken on the drift using Salty Dogs, Bingle Dandy Lures or bucktails. Blackfishing has picked up at buoys 23 and 25. Flounder can still be had at Nassau Point and Jessups Neck.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center reported they are getting some weaks. At this time you really have to work for them. Salty Dogs with squid and white bucktails are working. Robbins Island and the South Race are producing 5-6 fish per man for a three or four hour fishing trip. It's best to drift down the Race for these fish instead of just anchoring up. There are no set spots so if one doesn't produce try another. One regular came in mid-week with 41 weaks taken drifting. Quite a few porgies. Flounders are spotty. Fluke of 6 pounds were taken down by Robbins Island. School bass from 4-5 pounds are being taken at Wading River. Lots of sand eels. The middle of the Sound is loaded with bunker. Overall fishing conditions aren't too bad.

SELDEN

Ken at **Angler's Den** reports that Walter Yackel took a pair of 9 lb. 10 oz. blackfish. Rod Walinchus took a 10½ lb. weakfish in the Peconics on a Salty Dog. Ted Dedus won the North Shore Brookhaven Contest at Cedar Beach with a 7½ lb. blackfish. A few flounder in the 1 to 1½ lb. range can still be had.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Dick's Sporting Goods reports that he had a great week and the fishing is getting better. George Jaeger took an 8½ lb. blackfish off Sound Beach. Some large porgies have started to come in. Mackerel fishing is fantastic with the fish coming into the beach in the morning and in the evening.

PORT JEFFERSON

News hails from the **Betty W** that blackfishing was good, with a mix of flounder too. But Friday, Saturday, and Sunday saw a slowing down of fish. Blacks were taken on these days, but they only hit on the tide's change-over. Nevertheless, mackerel was still to be had: and that's what the Betty W went for in the afternon. John wants everybody to know that open boats are now running seven days a week.

Caraftis Fishing Station said lots of mackerel are the main attraction. The flounders however are still with us and Flacks Pond is the best spot. East of buoy 11 has also been good. Blackfish are being taken by surfcasters and boatfishermen working east of buoy 11. Walt Yackel and Fred Rudey took 80 to 100 flounder in that same spot. Humpback porgies, and seabass are also in the same spot.

NORTHPORT

Fred at **Chain Locker** called in to report that flounder continue to be caught in good quantity and quality off Callahans Beach. The bigger fish are in deeper water and porgies to 2 pounds are mixed in. Blackfishing broke loose on Saturday west of the Lightouse at Eaton's Neck amongst the rocks. Fish ranged from 3 to 11 pounds and were brought in mostly on Sunday. Saturday's winds kept boats inside. Mackerel have collected in large quantities northeast and northwest of the Lilco loading platform. One boat reported fluke southwest and east of buoy 13. This is the earliest he has seen fluke on the northshore. Squid and sand eels did the trick. Weakfish are in the Northport Harbor, southwest of Littleneck Point in the deep hole and by the entrance to Duck Harbor. Pink Salty Dogs and squid

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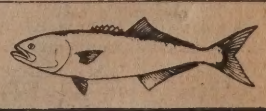

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combos are catching nice weaks, some tiderunners off Duck Island and worm drifting with hi-hook and sinker off Littleneck Pt. Early morning striper activity off Willet's Grove has produced mostly schoolies with no reports of cow sized bass. A 4½ lb. brown trout was taken off Crab Meadow Creek and Fred would like to remind fishermen that they must have a fresh water license to take any trout even though they are taken in salt water.

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** said the macks are back in the same spots. The storm last week chased them out or put them down but they're back now. Everybody was afraid that the fish had left but last Saturday boats hit them over by the loading platform at Lilco on trees and jigs. Boats working north and south of the Lilco platform are also getting some fish. Several fellows who had fish finders stayed right with the school. The other fellows fished in a hit or miss fashion. Last Friday the macks came into the harbor and everybody got some. Shore fishermen stand a good chance of getting them also. Weaks were reported in the mouth of Centerport Harbor, in a hole that's 60 feet deep. Salty Dogs are producing. Flounder are still with us with the hot spots being Callahans and Eaton's Neck C.G. Blackfishing is picking up now with good sizes but there's not that many fish. Average is 5 to 10 pounds. High tide is producing the best for the blacks. School bass were good in the hot water with average going 7 to 8 pounds. The Whiptail and the Rebel both are working.

HUNTINGTON

George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** reports stripers up into the teens are being taken on both sides of

Charlie Curcio along with his sons Vince, Jim and Pete, fished the Sloop Channel by Jones Beach in a rented skiff and took 46 flounder, 40 of which were keepers taken on bloodworms.

Dom Guastaferro and his two boys display a fine catch of mackerel taken from a Mae's Way rental boat.

Huntington Bay and in Cold Spring Harbor. Weaks from 6 to 9 pounds are mixed in with these bass. Weakfish can also be taken off the Causeway on worms squid, Salty Dogs and eel worms. Flounder are being taken off Ashroken and Callahans Beach. 3 to 5 lb. blackfish are being taken with these flounder. Mackerel can be caught at the Lilco loading platform. Chumming is a must.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports good striper activity for worm trollers and surf casters off Cold Spring Causeway and Marshall Field using red eel worms, Eelets and Rebels. Some weakfish are mixed in with the bass. Flounder fishing is good at Eaton's Neck on sandworms and mussel chum. Mackerel fishing is very good off Cold Spring Harbor and off Eaton's Neck. A few fluke have been taken at Diamond Pt. and blackfishing is still pretty slow.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports reports that macks are everywhere. They are now concentrated and are coming up to the surface at sunset one mile west of the Mattinecock buoy. They can be taken trolling further west, three or four miles out into the Sound. Bass under 15 pounds are being taken along the Glen Cove Shoreline on moving water using a 4½ to 5½ inch Rebel with slow retrieve. Blackfishing has picked up in local rocky areas like the breakwater using worms and fiddler crabs. The weakfishing has been sporadic all week with fish up to 8 pounds being taken. Freshwater fly fishermen should try catching mackerel using a WF6-F/S weight forward line and a number 6 rig and will have a riot catching these 1½ to 2 pounders using silver streamers.

KINGS PARK

Bob Koliner at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports that flounder, mackerel, blackfish and eels were the backbone of this weeks fishing. On Saturday private boater Sal Bruno and his wife fished off Callahans Beach and took a tub full of big flounder up to 2½ lb. range. and were back at the dock by lunch. Then their son Paul took the boat out for a little mackerel chasing and produced approximately 100 fish for 2 of his friends. On Saturday Roger Olsen and his son Edward loaded up on the Bostons also taking about 100 fish. Sunday's fishing remained about the same, the boats that went out in the Sound took nice catches of flounder and mackerel with some blacks mixed in. The boats that stayed in the river had small catches of flounder and eels of all sizes.

GROTON CONN.

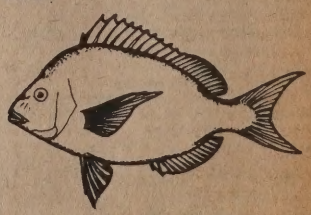
Capt. Brad Glas of the **Hel-Cat** said he fished out off Block Island for cod, pollock and whiting with good results. All the fish were caught with bait. Over the weekdays, Brad went over to some of his Montauk spots to get nice cod, big blacks plus some jumbo sea bass. Brad noted over the weekend, some of the smaller boats were definitely hindering the movements of the larger craft.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle said there's lots of school bass at Rodman's Neck and the old CBS Tower going from 3½ to 5 pounds on worms, green Rebels and split-tailed Rebels. Harts Island produced bass up to 7 pounds. Mackerel are pretty thick over at Harts Island going 2 to 2½ pounds. Blackfishing is very good with fish ranging from 7 to 8 pounds at Harts Island. Execution Light and the CBS Tower. Tom Tavares from New Rochelle took a 7¾ lb. weakfish while fishing with a diamond jig off Rye. No reports of any bunker just yet.

NEW ROCHELLE

Capt. Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VI** said the mackerel fishing was good this past week. Sunday morning saw the fish on the picky side. You had to cast away from the boat to get fish. If you didn't cast you didn't catch any fish. Good crowds all week and most days the boat was in early. Pete is off on an exploratory trip for cod and pollack at Montauk. If it works out he will plan another trip for next week.



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THUR.	9:23	9:39	10:18	10:30	10:13	10:18	11:06	11:11	12:31	12:58	12:34	1:03	9:27	9:35	5/19
FRI.	10:06	10:21	10:56	11:05	10:55	10:52	11:46	11:49	12:55	1:21	1:12	1:42	10:07	10:10	5/20
SAT.	10:48	11:01	11:35	11:46	11:35	11:24	—	12:28	1:29	1:55	1:51	2:24	10:47	10:47	5/21
SUN.	11:30	11:45	—	12:16	—	12:20	12:28	1:13	2:07	2:37	2:32	3:07	11:29	11:26	5/22
MON.	—	12:18	12:27	1:01	12:04	1:02	1:11	2:02	2:51	3:21	3:18	3:52	—	12:13	5/2
TUE.	12:31	1:07	1:14	1:51	12:45	1:44	1:58	2:53	3:38	4:10	4:05	4:42	12:11	1:02	
WED.	1:25	2:03	2:02	2:46	1:33	2:27	2:53	3:45	4:28	5:02	5:00	5:33	1:02	1:54	
THUR.	2:20	2:59	2:53	3:43	2:25	3:20	3:53	4:38	5:23	5:58	5:56	6:29	1:56	2:49	

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the c... tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station abo... "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means ... minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day yo... This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ...

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State P...	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 ...
Milford Harbor	— 0 ...
Stratford	+ 0 ...
Shelton	+ ...
Black Rock Harbor	
Saugatuck River	
South Norwalk	
Greens Ledge	
Stamford	
Cos Cob Harbor	
Greenwich	

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Little Gull Is. (P...	
Greenport	
Southold	
New Suffol...	
South Jam...	
Shinneco...	
Noyack ...	
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Garv...	
Pro...	
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On WILLETS PT

Little Neck Bay	—
Execution Light	
Manhasset Bay	
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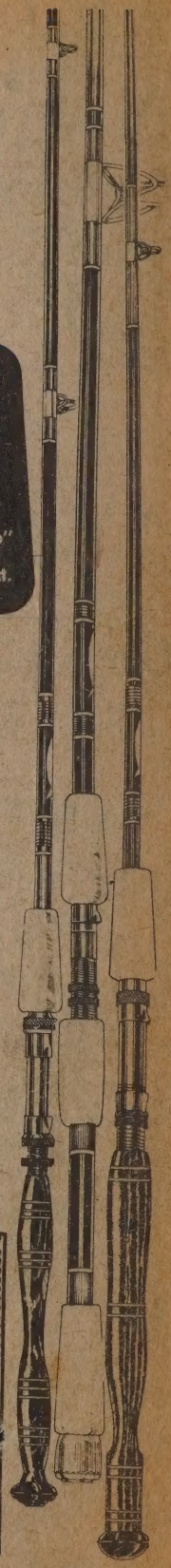

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